

To view this email as a web page, go [here](#).



August 2025

## Celebrating OEDI's Sixth Anniversary



Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, the Port of Seattle's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (OEDI) celebrated our sixth anniversary! To commemorate this milestone, we hosted a short boat trip on the Duwamish River with over 150 partners and allies. During the event, we heard from Paulina López (Executive Director of the Duwamish River Community Coalition) and George Blomberg (Senior Environmental Program Manager, Port of

Seattle) about the environmental, economic, social, and historical importance of the river. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



The OEDI Team

The Port established OEDI in 2019, becoming the first port authority in the country to create such an office. During our first six years, our work has grown significantly in scope and impact. In collaboration with our partners and local communities, we have taken meaningful steps to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion inside and outside of the Port. Download our [2019–2024 Impact Report](#) and watch the [Equity Starts With Us](#) video.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll be back next month with a more substantive update on our work.

In Unity,

**Bookda Gheisar**

Senior Director, Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

## Centering Equity and Taking Action

### Supporting SEA Taxi Drivers on Their Career Journeys





Taxi drivers are a vital part of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) community, getting travelers where they need to go while keeping the airport and our region moving. Now, a new partnership between the Port of Seattle and the [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#) is creating opportunities for [on-demand taxi drivers](#) who serve SEA Airport to grow their skills and pursue their career goals — if and when they choose. [Read the blog post →](#)

## SEA Has a New Childcare Navigator to Help SEA Workers with Childcare Needs

We've partnered with Port Jobs to create a Childcare Navigator position that assists SEA workers in meeting their childcare needs. Do you work at SEA and need help finding childcare? If so, you're invited to attend a free childcare workshop to learn how to find quality childcare, financial assistance, and local resources. Register to [attend one of four free workshops](#) in September.



## Ground Support Equipment Program — Advancing Careers in Aviation



[Ground Support Equipment \(GSE\) mechanics](#) are part of the heart and soul that make airplanes fly high at an airport! The Port of Seattle partners with South Seattle College and Port Jobs to operate the nation's first GSE mechanic program in Seattle, Washington. The program began about a year ago, and we're already seeing the positive impacts.

Not only can GSE mechanics earn a starting wage of roughly \$30/hr, but they're also learning specialized skills that can transfer to the automotive and electrical

industries. Learn more about the Port’s work to create a pathway to quality, family-wage careers in this [recent Seattle Times](#) article.

Copyright © 2025    All rights reserved

**Port of Seattle  
Commission**

Ryan Calkins  
Sam Cho  
Fred Felleman  
Toshiko Hasegawa  
Hamdi Mohamed

**Port of Seattle  
Executive Director**

Stephen P. Metruck



This email was sent by: Port of Seattle  
2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA, 98121 US

**Privacy Policy**

**Update Profile**

**Manage Subscriptions**

**Unsubscribe**