

2005 Airport Accomplishments

- Successfully obtained a \$1 million state appropriation grant to build wine incubator buildings at the airport. Representative Grant, Representative Walsh and Senator Hewitt were instrumental in securing the funding. Port formed a wine incubator committee of industry representatives to make sure the building's design would support small, start-up wineries.
- Big Sky Airlines announces plans to start air service between Walla Walla and Boise commencing February 15, 2006. Airport was able to use a previously approved \$250,000 U.S. Department of Transportation grant to subsidize new air service.
- Acquired the Keith and Rhonda Olson farm (521.39 acres) for \$1,950,000. The FAA contributed \$1,457,946 in consideration a portion of the property was in the airport clear zone. Pennbrook Homes contributed \$422,175 in consideration the property will provide the airport with an additional water right which could be used to supply water to the Pennbrook development. The airport's cost share was \$69,879.
- Purchased a new Jet A fuel truck at a cost of \$171,700. New fuel truck has helped increase Jet A fuel sales.
- Refinanced the 1999 airport terminal building bond debt to a lower interest rate which resulted in a savings of \$134,045.
- Entered into a five year lease agreement with Z-Wines for Building 515 (405 E. Boeing Ave.) Airport purchased 2,592 square foot metal pole building that is attached to Building 515 from Northwest International Industries. Airport makes substantial improvements to the building which includes: refrigeration system for warehouse, three phase power, new overhead doors, handicap bathrooms and access ramp into building. Airport invests \$50,000. Airport to receive \$81,570 in new revenue during term of lease.
- Entered into a lease agreement with Western Materials for the former Army Corps of Engineers motor pool area. Buildings 629 and 630 (1096 E Street). Tenant makes substantial improvements to Building 630. Airport installs new roof on Building 629, paints Building 630 and installs new fencing. Airport to collect \$34,800 during lease term.
- Airport served as a Heli-Base for the School and Burnt Cabin forest fires and Airport ARFF/Security employees provided assistance for the many firefighting personnel.
- Installed new lighted wind socks at Runway 02, Runway 20 and the intersection of Runways 16/7. AIP-21: total project cost was \$42,621 with the FAA paying \$40,518 of the costs and the Airport contributing \$2,133.
- New generator installed for airport runway lighting system and maintenance building. AIP-21: total project cost was \$273,629 with the FAA paying \$259,947 of the costs and the Airport contributing \$13,682.