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STAR Award Presented to Port of Portland

The 2015 STAR Award for Citizen Involvement has been awarded by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to the Port of Portland for their excellence in creating and leading a Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The award will be presented in Salem at the Oregon Department of Transportation in the Gail Achterman Commission Room, 355 Capitol St. NE, Salem, Oregon 97301 on Monday, March 20.

The award recognizes the Port of Portland for actively promoting and implementing the values of Oregon's Statewide Planning Goal 1: Citizen Involvement. Through their outstanding public involvement efforts the Port has created a diverse 30-member CAC that builds on the 2008-2011 PDX Airport Futures planning process. The committee has a mission to support collaborative public dialogue on airport-related planning and development, provide early opportunities for the community to inform decision-making processes, and to raise public awareness about PDX and impacted communities. The CAC represents regional interests, and creates a sustainable interconnection between environment, social responsibility and development within the airport district.

STAR Award recommendations are made to the LCDC by the state's Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). "I am continually impressed by the creativity and thoughtfulness of our applicants," said CIAC Chair Steve Faust. "Each year we learn about new, innovative approaches to public involvement through the STAR Award nominations. The Port of Portland is doing great work."

Criteria for nominations include citizen involvement efforts that:

- Provide early notice and input opportunities for people who are potentially affected by a land use decision;
- Use creative outreach techniques to seek out those who will potentially be affected by a land use decision (particularly efforts that use limited resources well);
- Provide clear, accessible communications to the public;
- Use public input to affect a land use decision;
- Encourage community participation and collaboration;
- Provide ideas or methods which will be transferable to others working on land use processes; and
- Evaluate and improve methods of public involvement as process evolves.

"We're honored to receive this award, which is a tribute to all those who serve on this committee, and who served on the founding PDX Airport Futures planning advisory group," said Curtis Robinhold, Port deputy executive director. "This approach guiding us on airport-related planning and development will serve as a model for involving the community on our projects in the future."

Past winners include the City of Newberg, the City of Eugene, the City of Portland, the City of Aloha, and the City of Prineville.

More information about the award is available on the Department of Land Conservation and Development website at: <u>http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/pages/star_award.aspx</u>

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Oregon's statewide land use planning program - originated in 1973 under Senate Bill 100 - protects farm and forest lands, conserves natural resources, promotes livable communities, facilitates orderly and efficient development, helps coordination among local governments, and enables citizen involvement.

The program affords all Oregonians predictability and sustainability to the development process by allocating land for industrial, commercial and housing development, as well as transportation and agriculture. The <u>Department of Land Conservation and Development</u> (DLCD) administers the program. A seven-member volunteer citizen board known as the <u>Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC)</u> guides DLCD.

Under the program, all cities and counties have adopted comprehensive plans that meet mandatory state standards. The standards are 19 Statewide Planning Goals that deal with land use, development, housing, transportation, and conservation of natural resources. Periodic review of plans and technical assistance in the form of grants to local jurisdictions are key elements of the program.