# Port of Portland Social Equity Program

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### **Presentation Overview**

- Background
  - PDX CAC Social Equity ad hoc committee role
  - PDX CAC recommendations and Port deliverables
- Port's Social Equity Program
  - Port's Social Equity Definition
  - Program implementation
  - Next Steps







### **Background and PDX CAC's social equity role**

- Social Equity ad hoc committee held eight meetings
- Committee recommendations:
  - 1. Create an organization-wide equity definition and strategy
  - 2. Create a template of equity considerations which could be used voluntarily with certain projects, and
  - 3. Report out annually on progress towards certain equity goals

#### • Deliverables

- Social Equity Manager position created and filled, inclusive process
- Creation of social equity program with clear definition, programmatic goals, outcomes, and implementation strategy
- Draft social equity Port Commission policy drafted
- Annual Report by Small Business Development Program



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# External and Internal Assessments

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#### **External Assessments**

50+ external stakeholders interviewed

- What we heard:
  - Race is a key issue, have a long-term vision
  - Have ongoing stakeholder engagement

#### **Internal Assessments**

50+ employees interviewed

- What we heard:
  - Key stakeholders interested, differing levels of understanding
  - Need for equity training/tools
  - Involve everyone, institutionalize progress on D & I.

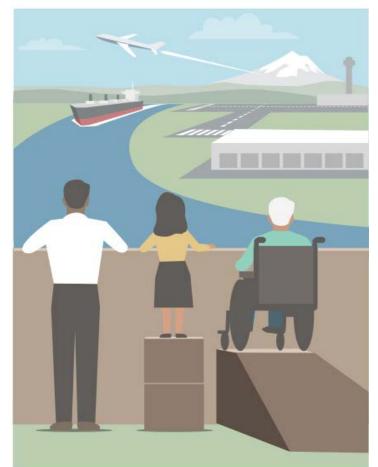


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### What is Social Equity?





#### **Equality = Sameness**



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Social Equity = Fairness



#### **Examples of Port's Social Equity Activities**

- PDX Lactation Rooms
- Safety considerations in how we plan and build facilities
- Consideration of disabled access
- Aircraft Noise program
- PSU Community Environmental Services (CES) partnership
- Diversity and Inclusion of Port workforce
- Small/Disadvantaged Business Program
- Mentor Protégé program
- Contracting with PHC for janitorial services
- Use of Brooks Staffing for temp services
- Outreach and input related to facility planning





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### **Social Equity Program Outcomes and Strategies**

Increase access to prosperity related to Port activities

- Build institutional and organizational capacity about equity
- Use an equity framework to influence Port processes and decision-making

Create a more diverse and inclusive employee workforce

- Assess and remove systemic and institutional barriers that may hinder fair treatment and equitable access to employment opportunities for current and future employees
- Promote an inclusive workplace culture that respects and values diversity and provides opportunity for all Port employees to pursue innovation and excellence

#### Demonstrate regional equity leadership

- Partner
- Influence



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Next Steps:	Timeline
<ul> <li>Continue ongoing dialogue with external equity organizations, PDX CAC, and influencers</li> </ul>	Ongoing
Scope and issue RFP for Portwide Equity Dialogue/Discussion (Training	April 17
Refine Port Commission social equity policy	Ongoing
Create strategy document, metrics, social equity lens toolkit, website content     with annual reporting	Jun, 17
Implement Diversity/Inclusion internal strategy	Ongoing
Create and Implement enterprise wide Dialogue/Discussion (Training)	Aug, 17
Support staff in creation of departmental equity work plans	Fall, 17
Explore pilot equity projects	Ongoing
Evaluate and adjust	Dec, 17



### **Discussion Questions**

- What have we missed?
- What else should we think about?
- What should we adjust?





