

Industrial Development With Purpose



The Port of Portland is an economic engine for transforming our region into a place where everyone is welcome, empowered, and connected to opportunities to find a good job or grow their business. With our three airports, three marine terminals, and six business parks, we create jobs, help local businesses grow, and help attract quality employers to the state.

At each of our business parks, we take a purpose-driven approach to economic development by prioritizing partnerships with companies that share our vision for benefiting the communities they serve, offering quality jobs and supporting growth opportunities for local businesses.

How does the Port make decisions?

The Port of Portland meets with interested businesses and current tenants to determine their alignment with our mission—to build shared prosperity for the region—by measuring their impact in four areas.



Living Wages



Quality Job Opportunities



Opportunities for
Small Business



Community Engagement

How the Port of Portland Measures Economic Prosperity

Quality Jobs and Living Wages:

A living wage allows an individual or family to meet a minimum standard of living. The current living wage for the region is an annual gross salary of \$58,228. By tracking wages and other components of a quality job, like benefits and time off, the Port can better understand how our assets are improving quality of life for people who live and work in our region.

Low Barrier Job Creation:

Workers from all educational backgrounds should have access to quality jobs. To ensure access to economic opportunity in the communities we serve, the Port measures the availability of jobs with low barriers to entry, in addition to opportunities for career and skill development.

Small and Diverse Businesses:

The Port is committed to helping support the locally owned businesses that make up our region's business ecosystem — including small, women- and veteran-owned businesses, and minority- and BIPOC-owned businesses that have historically faced barriers to success in our region. We prioritize spending with these types of businesses and ensuring they have ample opportunities to compete for contracts.

Community Engagement:

In addition to quality jobs and small business support, the Port prioritizes the well-being of the communities we serve. We want to know how interested businesses currently engage in the community, and what plans they have for increasing neighborhood and business relationships.

Ready to work with us?

Please get in touch to set up a discussion. You can also submit information regarding your company's impact online: portofportland.com/partnerprofile.



We look forward to partnering with you to create economic opportunity in our region. Please contact properties@portofportland.com.

Please consult these resources for additional information:

Port of Portland Commission Policy No. 6.1.16:

Social Equity – The Port of Portland promotes social equity, using a racial equity focus, with the purpose of advancing fair and equitable inclusion and creating the conditions in which all people can participate, prosper, and achieve equitable outcomes with respect to the Port's employment, business, and services.

Small Business Procurement Criteria Policies

The Port is committed to increasing small business enterprise (SBE) participation in Port contracts.

Prosperity for All - Strategic Plan

The Port is committed to leveraging its strengths to create a more equitable and prosperous region.