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From the Desk of
COMMISSIONER Mike French

Dear Executive Director Jarkiewicz,

The North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Coalition (NOPRC) would like to extend an official invitation to the Port of Port Angeles to participate in our Phase 2 Recompete application process. The Recompete program is a federal grant administered by the U.S. Economic Development Administration to spur widely shared economic growth and create more opportunities for more people in places that have been left behind. Our initial proposal was selected as one of 22 finalists out of nearly 225 applicants nationwide, and we hope to be selected for implementation funding of \$50 million to create good jobs on the North Olympic Peninsula and connect our residents to good jobs. We have a very short timeline to further refine our proposal and we feel that being inclusive of all our regional partners is crucial. We have identified multiple ways in which you can be involved.

- 1) You can designate a representative of your organization to be a voting member on the NOPRC Task Force. This will require a commitment to participate in our weekly hour-long meetings, and familiarization with our Recompete Phase 1 application and the Recompete Phase 2 Notice of Funding Opportunity. Our Task Force members are also expected to serve on or lead sub-committees.
- 2) Representatives of your organization can participate on sub-committees created to pursue various strategies and refine projects, and in regional feedback sessions (we hope to host 2-4 of these sessions) where our application and various projects will be explained in detail and comments will be encouraged.

We recognize that serving on the NOPRC Task Force is a large time commitment. We currently have members representing Clallam and Jefferson Counties, Clallam and Jefferson EDCs, the North Olympic Development Council, Peninsula College, and multiple Tribal governments. We would welcome your participation as well.

Please feel free reach out to me at Mike.French@ClallamCountyWA.gov with any questions or with your response. I'm happy to appear in person at a Port Commission meeting to discuss this if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike French".

Mike French
Chair, NOPRC Task Force
