

# Spaulding Business Park Project



## Description

The Port of Kennewick, working in partnership with the City of Richland, stepped outside its traditional role and got involved in the purchase, development and resale of property as a way to promote urban renewal, improve social services and promote economic development. The result of this initiative is the Spaulding Business Park, which has lured new business and corporate headquarters to Richland.

While ports traditionally invest in land for the long term, the Port of Kennewick purchased 30 acres of a blighted neighborhood with the express purpose of improving the land and moving it back out into the private sector. Some of the land purchased included vacated freeway frontage and overgrown, weed-filled lots that harbored illegal activities. Working with the City of Richland, the port was able to add streets, water, sewer and power infrastructure. The port then aggressively marketed and sold the parcels as part of the Spaulding Business Park. Land was made available to ARC of Tri-Cities, a nonprofit organization which provides services to people with developmental disabilities; and also to Tri-City Chaplaincy to support expansion of its hospice and grief counseling services.

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## Results

The Spaulding Business Park has created 482 new jobs, bringing a wide range of services to Richland. The Port of Kennewick realized a profit of almost \$1.3 million from its land improvement project and is looking for other revitalization projects to pursue.



## Partner

City of Richland