



Cowlitz Casino Resort

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Clark College, Cowlitz Indian Tribe adopt Strategic Alliance Agreement

Vancouver, WA – Clark College and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe have adopted a memorandum of understanding to provide training for employees of the proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort at La Center's I-5 interchange in Clark County.

“Following through on our commitment to use local labor and businesses to the maximum extent, the Cowlitz Tribe is pleased to welcome Clark College on board as the project’s first vendor,” says Tribal Chairman John Barnett. “The College will be a key component in making this economic opportunity a success. Our facility will provide thousands of family-wage jobs, and we want to ensure local workers have the necessary training and skills to take advantage of these employment opportunities. Our agreement with Clark College will help do that.”

"Clark College is committed to serving businesses and organizations throughout Southwest Washington. We are looking forward to providing employment and training opportunities to employees of the Cowlitz Casino Resort," said Clark College President Dr. R. Wayne Branch.

Under the agreement, Clark College will provide skills development for a range of occupations including casino management, computer specialist, security guard, and fitness trainer. The College will also offer training in such areas as customer service, leadership, and supervision. Degree programs in specific fields also will be developed.

One of the Cowlitz Tribe’s goals is to achieve economic self-sufficiency for its members while also creating jobs and career opportunities for the wider community. Education is critical to achieving this goal. The Tribe’s agreement with Clark College will help provide training for new employees and continuing education for existing employees.

The Casino Resort would include a gaming floor, restaurant and retail facilities, convention and entertainment venues, 250-room hotel, Tribal cultural center and governmental offices, parking structure, and RV park.