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Port of Anacortes presents Port Partner Awards.

The Port of Anacortes presented its annual Port Partner Awards on May 15, 2009 at the Waterfront Festival Kick-off Dinner, held in the Port's main warehouse building.

The Port established the Partner Awards in 2008 to honor those entities, contractors, citizens, tenants, and organizations who have partnered in service with the Port to promote economic growth, environmental clean-up, and strategic planning.

Honored this year were:

Dakota Creek Industries - Economic Development Partner in the reconfiguration of the shipyard leased from the Port. Dakota Creek continues to grow their highly skilled workforce and provides over 400 jobs to the Anacortes Community and Skagit County.

Department of Ecology - Strategic Partner DOE has been a valued partner to the Port in helping to facilitate and provide funding for environmental clean-ups on Port property. The Port is underway with the third of five clean-up projects in and around Fidalgo Bay under the Port's heading of Focus Fidalgo.

Marc L. Estvold, AIA – Customer Service Partner in the creation of the Port's 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Estvold brought his broad knowledge of planning and connection to the community in serving as project manager for the Plan. Marc facilitated extensive outreach within the Anacortes community to provide a well coordinated and successful outcome.

MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design – Customer Service Partner in the creation of the Port's 2008 Comprehensive Plan. MAKERS, and particularly partner Julie Bassuk, met with more than 150 community members, including boaters, business owners, neighbors, the Chamber of Commerce and City of Anacortes representatives over an 18 month period, producing a professional and workable Plan that other entities now use as an example.

The Port of Anacortes values these partners and their significant contributions to both the Port and to the Anacortes community.