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Port selects Employee of the Year

ANACORTES – The Port of Anacortes announced at its December 13, 2007, staff holiday party the 2007 Employee of the Year, Sarah Valoven. The Commission presented Ms. Valoven with a plaque at their January 3, 2008, meeting. Ms. Valoven, who has worked at the Port since 2006, will have her photograph hung in the Port's Main Office lobby and her name added to the permanent plaque on display at the Port's Main Office.

Sarah Valoven came to work for the Port in July 2006 as a part-time receptionist and in September 2006 began filling in as Accounts Payable/Payroll Bookkeeper while another staff member was on extended leave. Ms. Valoven became the full-time Accounts Payable/Payroll Bookkeeper in December 2006.

Ms. Valoven is a native of Ohio and came to the Northwest with her husband who is stationed at NAS Whidbey. Ms. Valoven is known as a quick learner and jumped feet first into the Accounts Payable/Payroll Bookkeeper position, a job she'd not held before. Ms. Valoven quickly acquired the skills of someone in the position for a much longer period of time.

Ms. Valoven's co-workers find her refreshing and delightful to deal with. Her skills and hard work ethic, quick wit and easy going personality, have earned her the title of Employee of the Year.

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