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Regional Design Firm Hired to Design..... the World's First Organic Eco-Food Park!!!

The Port of Columbia, Dayton, Washington, announces the hiring of USKH, Inc. (www.uskh.com) to design Blue Mountain Station, the WORLD'S FIRST ORGANIC ECO-FOOD PARK. Started in Anchorage, Alaska, USKH has a strong Pacific Northwest presence with offices in Spokane, Lewiston, Walla Walla and Ferndale. According to Jennie Dickinson, Manager, Port of Columbia, "USKH provided a proposal that went well beyond basic design services. Their vision for Blue Mountain Station was not only compatible with our vision, but took it to a new and exciting level."

Blue Mountain Station will be a catalyst for a fully-integrated organic processed food branding program from the farmer to the processor to the wholesaler and, finally, to the retailer. The Blue Mountain Station brand will create an opportunity for organic, artisan food processing companies to participate in the many life style and economic advantages of locating in the Blue Mountain Station Eco-Food Park, as well as participation in local, regional, national and international marketing programs. The goal is to create a cluster of artisan organic food processing companies that will create a unique and exciting manufacturing base while enhancing the area's growing wine and food tourism industry.

Once the desired property is secured, final design developed and financing arranged, a national marketing program will begin targeting artisan food processing companies already in organic or desiring to transition to organic. Washington State is the perfect location for Blue Mountain Station. Washington leads the nation in the production of organic apples, pears, cherries, sweet corn and peas. The Washington State Department of Agriculture and Washington State University in nearby Pullman have made major commitments to the growth of the organic industry.

"This is the perfect opportunity for us," stated Daniel Karas, Project Manager, with USKH in Walla Walla. "It is a unique project that blends environmental sustainability with economic sustainability, a true win-win situation."

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