



NEXT fuels signs agreement with building trades council

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Renewable diesel producer looks to hire Northwest carpenters to build massive plant at Port Westward

NEXT Renewable Fuels announced a deal with the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council to construct a new \$1.1 billion diesel fuel facility at Port Westward Industrial Park in Clatskanie.

The announcement came last week via the company's public relations firm, Gard Communications. According to a news release, NEXT signed a memorandum of understanding with the building trades council and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters.

The news comes just weeks after the renewable fuels company confirmed it purchased property from Teevin Bros. at Port Westward to secure sufficient land to build the new site.

"We are pleased to sign an MOU with the building trades and carpenters for construction of our facility," Lou Soumas, president of NEXT, stated in the release. "We are committed to building in a safe and environmentally conscious manner, and to giving preference to local skilled and qualified labor. The Building Trades and Carpenters bring the highest level of local expertise and professionalism."

NEXT says it plans to supply the West Coast with "advanced green diesel" and will hire 200 employees at the new site. The company also recently struck a deal to supply Shell Oil Company with green diesel fuel produced at Port Westward.

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