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## Tarragon Centralia North Corporate Park Project Awarded "Deal of the Year" *Public – Private Partnership Recognized with Prestigious Award*

**Centralia** –Tarragon has been awarded the "deal of the year" by the Washington Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP). The award from this leading industry association recognizes Tarragon's public – private partnership with the Port of Centralia in landing Millard Refrigerated Services and Lowes as tenants in the Port's Park II development.

This prestigious award marks the third time that Tarragon has been recognized by leaders in the industry for this project. In 2006, Tarragon's Centralia North Corporate Park Phase I - Michaels Distribution Center was recognized by Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) as the industrial development of the year; And in 2007 NAIOP also recognized Tarragon's public – private partnership with the Port as the industrial development of the year.

"We offer our congratulations to Tarragon on yet another prestigious award for the Centralia North Corporate Park project and for bringing Millard and Lowes to the community," said Gene Groshong, Port of Centralia Commission President. "This type of development is exactly what the Port envisioned with its public- private partnerships."

"This is a quality development for the community," said Kyle Heaton, Port of Centralia Executive Director. "By bringing Millard and Lowes to Centralia, the public – private partnership between Tarragon and the Port is creating much needed family-wage jobs and bringing tax revenues that fund our community's local schools and fire district."

"The Port's oversight of this project ensured that this would be a quality development," continued Groshong. "We are pleased that this productive partnership has now been recognized with three prestigious awards by leading industry associations."

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The Port of Centralia operates in the public interest and was created by the citizens of Centralia in 1986. The mission of the Port of Centralia is to generate jobs and stimulate economic development by acquiring and improving lands for industrial and commercial purposes.

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