The Port of Bellingham and The Downtown Bellingham Partnership will lead a dialogue about the scope of work, current growth initiatives and programs, and how each organization works to support the economic development in Bellingham and Whatcom County.

What does sustainable economic development look like in Whatcom County?

Join the discussion!

The Downtown Bellingham Partnership is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the vibrancy and growth of our downtown. Everything we do is rooted in the idea that our community — Downtown Bellingham — is a place unlike anywhere else. We work to enhance, promote, and advocate for a vibrant city center through development, promotion, support, and celebration.

As the state-designated associate development organization (ADO), the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) at the Port of Bellingham is the hub for economic development and growth for all of Whatcom County. REP actively partners with the private, public, and nonprofit sectors and work hard to connect businesses to development and workforce resources. We also cooperate regularly with Canadian partners and can aid international businesses with Foreign Trade Zone site identification, selection, and activation. In 2020 the Port of Bellingham will celebrate 100 years of striving to meet Whatcom County’s transportation and economic development needs.

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