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MEDIA ALERT

Dedication of the new Visit TRI-CITIES' kiosk at the Tri-Cities Airport

Tri-Cities, Wash.—Visit TRI-CITIES will debut a new, state-of-the-art and interactive visitor information kiosk featured at the Tri-Cities Airport with a dedication on Thursday, June 2 at 1:30 p.m. Visitors traveling through the airport can easily access information featuring more than 775 member hotels, restaurants, attractions and businesses using touch screen interactive monitors conveniently located in the arrival area near the baggage claim.

“We are thrilled to have a kiosk with advanced technology that will provide visitors to the Tri-Cities region with the most current and accurate visitor information available,” said Kris Watkins, President and CEO of Visit TRI-CITIES. “This enhanced visitor experience was made possible through the generosity of Washington River Protection Solutions and the Port of Pasco.” Washington State River Protection Solutions sponsored \$40,000 for design and development of the kiosk.

The celebration will be held in the new meet and greet area, which recently opened as part of the \$41.9 million terminal expansion project. The area will provide a comfortable experience for friends and family waiting for passengers, including a new snack bar. The Grand Rendezvous, operated by Tailwind Concessions, serves the public side of the airport.

The name of the new snack bar is a tribute to the role the Tri-Cities played as a gathering place for Native American tribes and plays off the three rivers that join together in our area. Reflections of our community are found through-out the new airport and are an intricate part of the design.

“We know the airport construction has been going on for a long time, and we really appreciate everyone’s patience as we make the Tri-Cities Airport great.” said Commission President Ron Reimann. He continued, “It was important to us to not only improve the airport for our passengers, but for their friends and families as well.”

The new meet and greet area is just one of the many new features passengers and the public will see as the expansion project rolls toward completion in early 2017.

The travel and tourism industry is an important segment in the Tri-Cities region, with visitor spending generating \$432.9 million annually, resulting in \$47.2 million in local and state tax revenue.

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Visit TRI-CITIES is a non-profit destination marketing organization which provides tourism-related marketing and management services for the cities of Kennewick, Pasco and Richland in southeastern Washington State.