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Ron Branine Promoted To Director Of Facilities And Operations For The Port Of Benton

Richland, WA – 12/15/2020 Ron Branine has been promoted to the Director of Facilities and Operations for the Port of Benton.

With nearly thirty years of facilities management experience Branine brings a wealth of knowledge to the position. He is skilled in maintaining large commercial buildings, budgeting, contracting, managing the bidding process in compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines and regulations as well as working with heavy and light equipment. His diverse background includes working with a range of stakeholders from CEOs to local, state, and federal inspectors. In addition, Branine's experience chairing multiple safety committees, volunteering in the fields of emergency management, search & rescue, reserve law enforcement, and serving with several fire departments are many of the extraordinary assets he brings to the Port.

He is currently completing his FMP Facility Management Professional (FMP) certification and preparing to start his Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP) early next year. Both are issued through the International Facility Management Association (IFMA), the largest and most widely recognized association for facility professionals. Although he holds his Certified Professional Maintenance Manager (CPMM) designation; these two additional certifications bolster his knowledge of facilities management to a much higher level.

"Ron has been a strong addition to our team; his development of our organization's continuity plan was timely as we dealt with the impact of COVID-19 and supported our team in operating key facilities and assets on behalf of the region," stated Diahann Howard, PPM® Executive Director, Port of Benton.

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