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Subject: Application Submittal

Dear Sir:

Attached is my "Application for Appointment to the Port of Benton Commissioner District 2" in response to the vacancy announcement posted by the Port of Benton.

I will also email a copy to the address identified in the announcement just to be sure I meet the timeline specified.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my application.

Sincerely,



Obie P. Amacker Jr.

Please fill out the following questions completely.

Name of Applicant	Obie P. Amacker, Jr.			<i>ofa</i>	
Street Number and Address	2836 Hawkstone Ct				
City	Richland	State	WA	Zip	99354
Preferred Phone		Email			
Are you over the age of eighteen (18)?				X	Yes No

Use a separate page as necessary to complete your response to the following questions. Each answer to open ended questions should be no more than 250 words each.

1. Describe why you're interested in serving on the Port of Benton Commission.

I have been a Benton County resident for over 60 years and have followed the activities of the Port of Benton over time. The economic development contributions of the Port speak for themselves, but there is more that can be accomplished. I believe the staff in place comprises the strongest team for many years, which provides opportunity for continued success. The future looks bright, and I believe my background and connectivity to the area and residents would be a rewarding combination for me personally and the Commission.

2. What is your current (or former, if retired) occupation, and are there any relevant skills of that occupation you feel are relevant experience to serve as a Commissioner?

During the last 30+ years of my professional career, I worked for Battelle at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). I spent my career in Facilities and Operations and then the National Security Directorate (NSD) serving the last few years as the Director of the National Security Technology Division. The Division was comprised of more than 200 staff members with a large annual business volume that grew each year. I spent a great deal of time in Washington, DC working with a variety of government and other agencies addressing both technical aspects of projects and securing funding for others.

3. What other qualifications do you hold that you consider relevant to this position?

B.S., Business Administration (accounting), University of Nevada, Las Vegas

I have held leadership positions in a variety of organizations for over thirty years. Positions ranged from:

- Executive Board positions including President of the international Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM)
- Chairman, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N15 Committee, "Methods of Nuclear Material Control"
- Steering Committee member, Nuclear Security Information Exchange
- Commodore of the Richland Yacht Club (RYC) along with numerous other RYC Executive Board positions
- Vice President of the Energy Northwest Bowling league and President, Richland Hanford Slow Pitch Softball Association.

4. What is your experience holding elected or appointed public office (if any)? If you have held public office, what leadership roles or executive leadership team experience do you have in that office?

Examples may include serving on City Council, County Commission, Advisory Boards and Commissions, Appointments to Community Boards (e.g. Visit Tri-Cities, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

NA

5. Do you, your spouse, or another closely related party have a financial interest in, or are an employee or affiliate of any business or agency which does business with the Port of Benton? If so, please explain.

For total transparency, I offer the following situations even though I do not believe they meet the intent of the question. My wife works for PNNL, and our son is a Richland Police Officer

6. From what you have learned about the Port of Benton and the community/region, how are you the ideal match for this position?

I know the community/region from living most of my life here and share the same interest in growth and sustainability as the Port Commission and staff. I have demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment to everything I have been involved with and believe the Port of Benton leadership (Commission and current staff) share the same principles.

7. Explain your experience with property management, leases, real estate transactions and business proposals? What is your experience with airports or other specialty service areas?

Prior to my Hanford Site employment and with PNNL, my background includes experience directly related to the examples cited.

- **I worked for a large property management company in Las Vegas, Nevada where I was the Manager of a 350-unit apartment complex. The company had over 10,000 units in Nevada/Arizona and the corporate interaction provided broad experience.**
- **I was a licensed Realtor and sold real estate in the Tri-Cities.**
- **At one point I owned a four-unit rental property in Benton City.**
- **At PNNL, business development and proposal preparation were key components of my positions.**

8. Is there anything in your background we should know about that would have a negative impact on you or the port if you were appointed? Please explain.

No



Obie P. Amacker, Jr.
Work History and Related Experience

Education: B.S., Business Administration (accounting) from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Property Manager, Diplomat Apartment Complex, Las Vegas, Nevada. Responsible for all aspects (staffing, maintenance, leasing, collections, procurements) of the property for W.R Schulz and Associates, Phoenix, Arizona.

Licensed Realtor, Washington State, 1975-2017

General Accounting Specialist, Washington Public Power Supply System (currently Energy Northwest) 1977-79

Supervisor, Nuclear Material Accounting, Rockwell Hanford Company 1979-82

Nuclear Materials Accountant- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) 1982-85

Manager, Safeguards, Facilities and Operations - PNNL 1985-1987

International Safeguards Program Manager, National Security Directorate (NSD)- PNNL 1987-89

Director, Safeguards and Security Division, Facilities and Operations - PNNL 1989-94

Technical Group Manager, Technology Deployment, NSD - PNNL 1995-2000

Director, National Security Technology and Policy Division, NSD - PNNL Retired 2015

The Division was comprised of four technical groups with scientists, engineers, and security professionals supporting the full gamut of DOE, NNSA and other government agency safeguards and security programs, nonproliferation initiatives related to weapons of mass destruction, and Department of Homeland Security programs.

In addition to formal assignments at the Laboratory, participation and leadership roles in related professional activities and organizations included:

- Member of the Energy Facilities Contractor Group (EFCOG) Safeguards and Security Working Group.
- Member of the Nuclear Security Information Exchange (NSIE) and served on the organization's Steering Committee.
- Served as the international President of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM) during 1996 and 1997 and was named a Fellow of the Institute in 1999. In 2003 received the Meritorious Service Award and in 2017 received the Distinguished Service Award from the INMM.
- Chair of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N15 Committee, "Methods of Nuclear Material Control"