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Certification of Tribal Industrial Land is a First for the State of Oregon

SALEM, OR—The 60-acre Coyote Business Park, owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), has become the first certified industrial site located on Tribal Trust land in the state of Oregon, state business development officials announced.

The newly certified site, located just east of Pendleton is part of a larger 520-acre parcel located directly off Interstate 84—a strategic location for companies looking to manufacture and distribute products throughout the Pacific Northwest. The site is certified for warehouse distribution, general manufacturing and call center development. The tribally-owned site is the latest example of the successful economic development program at CTUIR. Previously, the Tribes successfully recruited health care and technology firms to the adjacent Coyote Business Park North.

"Getting Coyote Business Park certified is recognition that we have an outstanding location and we're ready to do business," said William Tovey, Economic Development Director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The state's Certified Industrial Site program began in 2003 as a result of an executive order by Governor Ted Kulongoski. The program was developed in response to concerns that Oregon needs to have more ready to go industrial land in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

"Certified industrial sites are attractive to site selectors and developers because they provide more certainty to the development process," said Tim McCabe, Director of Business Oregon, which manages the program. "This is an historic and an exciting addition to Oregon's certified industrial lands. It makes a lot of sense to work to expand our mutually beneficial relationship with our nine sovereign Tribes."

Certified Industrial Sites are considered project ready—where the typical impediments to development have been identified and resolved and building can begin within 180 days of a development decision. Issues related to environmental clearances, zoning, utilities and transportation are addressed by the appropriate state, local and tribal agencies prior to confirmation of the site's readiness to be developed.

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