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PORTLAND, ORE. (May 7, 2014) – Port of Portland Taps Kristen Leonard as Public Affairs Director



Kristen Leonard

Port of Portland Deputy Executive Director Curtis Robinhold announced today that Kristen Leonard has accepted the position of public affairs director, filling a vacancy left when former Public Affairs Director Tom Imeson left the Port to join Northwest Natural.

Leonard currently owns and operates C&E Systems, a Portland-based company specializing in government relations, financial services, and software development. Leonard has also advised clients on communications and public affairs in a private public affairs firm and at the Oregon Education Association.

“Kristen has extensive experience in all the areas to which she has been assigned,” said Robinhold. “Her strong background in government relations will serve the Port well, and her knowledge of strategic communication and community outreach will ensure the public affairs team continues its high levels of performance toward the Port’s mission and to the communities it serves.”

Leonard is vice president and serves on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Capitol Club, a professional association of lobbyists in Oregon’s state legislature. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Arizona.

Leonard will report directly to Robinhold and her first day at the Port will be July 21.