



Columbia REA

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Title: Columbia Rural Electric Association held a ground breaking ceremony at their recently acquired building, the Melrose Building Complex in Walla Walla, Washington.

Columbia REA has been looking for more than two years to acquire a site where they can expand their services for engineering, operations and administrative offices in the Walla Walla area.

“On behalf of the Columbia REA Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Port of Commission for making this property available. The property is what we really wanted to meet our long-term strategic needs,” said Les Teel, CEO. “I would like to thank USKH Architects and Opp & Seibold General Construction for their expertise in renovating this building into an efficient facility from where we can better serve our membership and develop our presence here.”

Washington State Representative Terry Nealey, congratulated Columbia REA on their forward thinking and great vision to keep their services local and is pleased to see that this work is retaining economic development in our community.

Port Commissioner Paul Schneidmiller, welcomed Columbia REA as the anchor business to the entry way to Melrose Business Park. He is pleased that local people will be working on the construction and remodel projects.

Also present at the ceremony were representatives from the City Council, County Commissioners, Port staff, Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses. Columbia REA expects they will move into the modernized facility by the end of this year or in early 2013.

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