



## Tri-Cities Research District Speaker Series Attracting Investment to the Tri-Cities Research District: A Look at the EB-5 Visa Program

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 • 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory Auditorium  
(located on the PNNL Campus), 3335 Q Avenue, Richland

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James Palmer



Kim Foster

### Who are the speakers?

The speakers, **James Palmer** and **Kim Foster**, will discuss the opportunities and constraints that the EB-5 Visa Program, administered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Department, offers. The EB-5 Visa Program is a source of investment, based on employment creation, in which qualified foreign national investors can invest in an employment-creating project in return for preferred immigration status and permanent residency. In addition, Mr. Foster will discuss the ASPI Group Regional Center, and how the ASPI Group has successfully implemented EB-5 in Grant County, Washington.

**James Palmer** is Business Development Manager at the Washington State Department of Commerce. His main focus is the development of Washington's clean technology and alternative energy sectors as well as general manufacturing. James also handles the Washington State Foreign Direct Investment desk. His background is in supply chain management and international project management.

**Kim Foster** is Corporate Counsel at the ASPI Group, Inc., a diversified investment-based real estate holding and development company located in Renton, Washington. Mr. Foster oversees the corporate governance of the ASPI Group and its subsidiary companies and oversees the legal aspects of the company's investment, business, and real estate portfolios. Because of the ASPI Group's significant industrial portfolio, Mr. Foster is regularly part of various public/private efforts to recruit important employment-creating industries to the State of Washington.

### About the Series

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and Mission Support Alliance, LLC are teaming to host the speaker series dedicated to educating stakeholders, the community, and other interested individuals and organizations on what it takes to successfully develop a research park. Speakers will share their experiences in locating federal funding and investors, recruiting tenants, exploring ways to use sustainable and green technologies when developing research parks, and how to successfully collaborate with universities, national laboratories, and industrial interests.

### Registration

There is no charge to attend this event; however, please **pre-register** by **June 7, 2010**. Light reception to immediately follow sponsored by Mission Support Alliance, LLC.

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