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### Hastings Announces \$200,000 for Tri-Cities Science and Tech Park

Washington, D.C. – \$200,000 sought by Congressman Doc Hastings for accelerating the development of the Tri-Cities Science and Technology Park in Richland has been included in the final federal spending bill for Fiscal Year 2004.

The funds will be used to update and integrate master plans and marketing strategies for the area within the Science and Technology Park zoned “Business and Research Park” by the City of Richland. The public partners in this collaborative effort include the Port of Benton, who will receive and manage the funds, the Department of Energy’s Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), the City of Richland and the Washington State University’s Tri-Cities campus, which serves as administrator of the Tri-Cities Science and Technology Park Association.

“This project is a great example of the community working together to take full advantage of resources like PNNL that are unique to the Tri-Cities, said Hastings. “Exciting, new opportunities are emerging at PNNL, a proven business innovator in the Tri-Cities that continues to be a driving force behind efforts to ensure that our economy thrives long after Hanford cleanup is complete. As Hanford cleanup moves forward and the Tri-Cities looks to the future, projects and partnerships like this will play a critical role in helping diversify our economy and grow our community.”

The research park zone is well positioned to leverage the resources of WSU and take advantage of technology transfer opportunities associated with the research done at PNNL in order to create new businesses and jobs.

The final spending bill was approved by the House of Representatives on December 8, 2003. The bill must now be approved by the Senate before it can be signed into law by President Bush.

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