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**Press Release
Small Business Development Center to hold Columbia County office hours**

**Dayton, WA** – Joe Jacobs with the Small Business Development Center will be holding Columbia County office hours in Dayton on Wednesday, June 20th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Joe is a skilled business advisor and educator who helps business owners gain insight into their marketing, numbers, and operational processes. He specializes in advising on business start-up, business funding, digital marketing, and business succession and exit planning.

Joe will be available for one on one meetings on June 20th at the Port of Columbia office, 1 Port Way, Dayton WA. Entrepreneurs at any stage of the small business game can benefit from meeting with Joe. Whether you have a great idea that you are trying to turn in to a business plan, an existing business that needs new ideas for marketing, or a retiring business owner planning to sell, Joe is available to help at no cost.

Since 2012, Joe’s work with the SBDC has assisted over 227 businesses in the Walla Walla Valley, helped create or save over 184 jobs, and helped businesses in our area secure over $6.2 million in funding. To schedule your time with Joe, contact Kathryn Witherington, Economic Development Coordinator with the Port of Columbia, at 509-382-2577 or kathryn@portofcolumbia.org.

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