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Subject: Support the WPPA Educational Foundation — Auction Donation Request

Dear WPPA Members:

We are excited to share that this November, during our WPPA Annual Meeting at the Marriott Tacoma Downtown, we will host an auction to benefit the WPPA Educational Foundation - and we invite you to help make it a success!

The WPPA Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing learning and opportunity within the port community. Through the generosity of our members and associates, the Foundation funds two annual scholarships:

- **The Winter Scholarship**, recently reintroduced, supports continuing education for port employees to help them better serve their communities.
- **The Spring Scholarship** assists students with a family connection to Washington ports who are pursuing post-secondary education in port-related fields.

Your contributions make a meaningful difference to our ability to deliver these scholarships – and as a bonus, this is *also* a wonderful opportunity to highlight the generosity of your organization. We invite you to consider donating an item or experience for this year's live or silent auction. Popular donation ideas include:

- **Professional services** (consulting hours, design services, training sessions)
- **Tickets** to community events or cultural attractions
- **Tickets or box seats** to sporting events
- **Overnight hotel stays** or weekend getaway packages
- **Stays** at an AirBNB or vacation property
- **Green fees** or golf packages
- **Boating** excursions or charter experiences
- **Gift baskets** with local products, wines, or themed assortments
- **Restaurant** gift cards or dining experiences
- **Specialty tours** or behind-the-scenes experiences that showcase the character of your port or community

To make contributing easy, we have included an Auction Donation Form with this letter. If you would like to donate, please complete the form and return it to WPPA **no later than** October 17th. You can email the completed form to Mandy Lill at mlill@washingtonports.org, and we will be in touch to arrange delivery or pick-up of your item.

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All contributions are tax-deductible (Tax ID#: 91-2029218). Proceeds from the auction go directly to supporting the Foundation's scholarship efforts, helping to advance education and professional development across our port community.

Thank you for your continued support of the WPPA and the Educational Foundation. Together, we can create new opportunities for young people and port employees, and make critical investments in the future success of our Washington port industry. We look forward to seeing you in Tacoma this fall!

All my best,

Eric Ffitch, Executive Director
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