

## PORT OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

In response to the State Auditor's Office Performance Audit of the Port of Seattle last December, the Seattle Port Commission is reviewing the current delegation of authority to the Port CEO, as encompassed in Resolution 3181. As part of the review, the Commission is developing a new version of Resolution 3181 that will strengthen Commission oversight of Port operations by ensuring that the Port using best practices in contract management and organizational governance.

The Port Commission, in cooperation with the Port CEO and senior staff, are initiating changes in two important areas:

- The project authorization process to strengthen internal controls and increase public visibility and Commission oversight of major construction projects, and
- The current formal written Delegation of Authority to the CEO by the Port Commission, which lays out overall CEO authority and the reporting requirements by the CEO to the Port Commission.

The Port is now seeking public comment during the 30-day comment period from May 13<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>. Materials relating to discussions by the Port Commissioners are being posted on the Port of Seattle Web site. This information includes two presentations on governance and contract management presented by Port staff at a May 1 public meeting. Other materials will be posted as they are prepared.

The Port of Seattle Commission welcomes public comment and takes seriously its role to ensure maximum public trust by practicing transparency and accountability.