

Tuesday
April 12, 2016

LOCATION:

Columbia River Catering
Shilo Inn
50 Comstock
Richland, Washington

5:30 p.m. - Check in/Networking
(no host cocktail service)

6:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

6:45 p.m. - Presentation

DINNER BUFFET MENU:

The Chef and crew at Columbia River Catering always provide a fine and varied buffet dinner for us at the Shilo Inn. The buffet usually includes two entree choices, plus accompanying vegetable, a number of tasty salads, and a vegetable and/or fruit tray.

Your choice of coffee, tea or decaf is included with dinner. And don't forget to save room for dessert!

Cost:

\$20 ASQ members
\$25 non members
\$5 presentation only

Reservations are due April 7.
E-mail Panda_2@charter.net with your name, phone number, company affiliation, and type of reservation, or call Alvin at (509) 371-2221.

Note: All no shows will be billed unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.

For more information about our ASQ section and other upcoming events: www.asq614.org/

The Port of Benton: Bigger, Brighter, Bolder



Scott D. Keller, PPM®
Executive Director

The Port of Benton was established in 1958. One of the few nuclear ports within the United States, the Port is two-thirds of Benton County. The Port of Benton's purpose is to foster economic development, trade and tourism by providing quality infrastructure and multimodal transportation at a variety of sites.

The Port owns and operates 50 buildings, four of which are "incubator" small business development buildings. These buildings offer support for light industrial, lab and manufacturing space to new businesses.

The Port is located within a vast agricultural region with products ranging from vegetables, grains, fruits and livestock. The Port has two parks in Prosser: The Wine & Food Park and Prosser Vintner's Village to help turn local agricultural products into value-added commodities like wine, applesauce or chocolate covered cherries.

The Port also has a 9,060 square foot intermodal transload facility to serve a variety of uses including local agricultural commodity growers.

Scott D. Keller, PPM®, started working at the Port of Benton in 1989. Since then, the Port has been involved in a number of exciting projects. These include the Tri-Cities Enterprise Center in North Richland (off Highway 240), The Richland Innovation Center area around WSU Tri-Cities, and more. And, in 2015, the Port negotiated the largest land sale in its history for over four million dollars.

Promoting economic development within the Port of Benton, Benton County, Richland, Prosser, Benton City and the region requires leadership, teamwork, and good communications.

Join us on April 12, to learn more about the Port of Benton. Scott will share information about the Port's history, vision and values, which include integrity, stewardship and leadership. We will also learn about some of the Port's current projects and future plans, including Vintner's Village Phase II.

About the speaker: Scott D. Keller's tenure at the Port of Benton began as the Assistant Executive Director/Airport Director in 1989. Thirteen years later, he was appointed to the Executive Director position. He is responsible for assets of approximately \$60 million, including over 2000 acres of land, 50 buildings, two airports, a barge facility, a short line railroad, a park and a staff of 21. Scott's past experience includes working as a mortgage loan officer and work in the real estate and insurance industries. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in economics.