



## New Jobs and New Companies in the Works at TRIDEC

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Richland, Wash. - The Tri-cities Research District is getting ready to sign a contract to develop a master plan for 400 acres of land South of Pacific Northwest National Laboratories.

The goal is to bring in high level scientific and technology corporations aimed at creating jobs after the Hanford clean-up is complete.

The property is owned by three different companies: Battelle, The Port of Benton and the Solaris group. TRIDEC will work with the three companies to market the property.

This is the same property that was designated as an Innovation Partnership Zone by Governor Chris Gregoire to help market the land to out of state companies looking for a space to build.

"Research and Development companies that are developing new technologies, typically in the areas of chemical processing, new materials, new technology, life-sciences we think will be a big part of our future here," said Gary Spanner, Ph.D, the Manager of the Economic Development office at PNNL.

Spanner says the master plan should be finished by August of this year. No one is announcing the names of the corporations already planning to build there yet , but they could break ground on a few developments by the end of the calendar year.

Apart from research and development companies, the master plan would also include restaurants, stores, and more recreation. They're even thinking of putting in a new golf course.

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