

The City of Spokane created by ordinance (C-34813) the Northeast Public Development Authority (NEPDA) as a public corporation on December 12, 2011. The City is authorized by RCW 35.21.730 to create public development authorities to (i) administer and execute federal grants or programs, (ii) receive and administer private funds, goods or services for any lawful public purpose; (iii) improve governmental efficiency and services, (iv) improve the general living conditions in the urban areas in and around the City and (v) perform any lawful public purpose or public function. The NEPDA's area of focus, known as the "YARD", is the 800 acres of underutilized industrial and residential property east of Market St and north of Garland Ave.

"We have a tremendous opportunity for growth in Northeast Spokane, and this public-private development corporation will provide leadership and project management to take advantage of that opportunity," says Spokane Mayor David Condon. "We are seeking people with business expertise and a desire to help with this important work to apply to serve on the volunteer Northeast Public Development Authority Board."

City of Spokane is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Northeast Public Development Authority (NEPDA) Board. The NEPDA is entering its 3rd year of work and needs to expand the number of board members. This board is a hands-on working board and searches out board members with skill sets needed to implement the current work plan, development and funding strategy ([visit The YARD webpage for more information](#)). The current work plan is very robust for an all-volunteer board and the work has reached a point that better connections need to be made with local industry and community organizations. The Board is expanding from five members to seven members; there are currently three positions to be filled.

One of the original board positions is open for someone with a professional background in management, promotion/advertising, outreach, economic/community development, industrial development, site selection – this person should have a strong professional network that includes interaction with both public and private enterprise.

The two new positions need to have very strong connections to the YARD. This person needs to be owner, operator, CEO, manager, etc. of a business in the YARD - this person should also have a strong professional network that includes interaction with trade/business organizations, such as Chamber of Commerce, etc. Additional experience with industrial development, distribution, heavy freight, construction trades and/or manufacturing will be very helpful. Preference will be given to a professional from an industry located in the YARD.

The other new position needs to be filled by someone with strong ties to the Greater Hillyard. This person will be a community member with multiple connections to the community and business organizations such as neighborhood councils, nonprofits, GHBA, ONES, Futures, etc. An ideal candidate will be very active within the community and have a strong understanding of the Greater Hillyard plans and redevelopment desires. Additional experience with community and economic development and outreach will be very helpful.

In addition to completing the City's boards and commissions [application](#) we ask that you include a cover letter that explains which position you are the most qualified to fill and why. Please send your application and cover letter to the Mayor's Office.