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Port of Coos Bay selects operator for Coos Bay Rail Link

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay has chosen ARG Trans as the preferred operator for the Coos Bay rail line. The Port selected the company following a request for qualifications from interested rail transportation companies in September 2010 and interviews with five final candidates in January 2011.

The Port will begin negotiations with ARG Trans on a contract or lease agreement for train operations and rail line maintenance. Founded in 2003, ARG Trans is an experienced rail-related transportation enterprise. The company purchased the San Pedro & Southwestern Railroad, chiefly moving agricultural chemicals, grains and building products in the Southwestern United States. It also operates a transload facility serving southeast Arizona.

The 134-mile Coos Bay rail line is undergoing nearly \$24 million in repairs, with partial service scheduled to resume in late June or early July. Full service is expected in fall 2011. The rail line will be operated as the Coos Bay Rail Link (CBR), and will serve the Coos County, western Douglas County and western Lane County region of southwest Oregon. Rail connections through Eugene serve destinations and markets to the north, south and east.

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