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The Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment has awarded the Umatilla Army Depot Local Reuse Authority (LRA) a grant for $825,754 to continue planning and preparation for redevelopment of the 17,000 acre Umatilla Army Depot. With local and state matching funds the total grant amount is $917,754. Dave Tovey, Executive Director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Chairman of the LRA announced that the funding will allow the local community to continue to prepare for base conversion. It is anticipated that the Army will convey approximately 3,100 acres in early 2015 to the LRA for economic development purposes. The grant funds will be used for transportation planning required under the Oregon planning system, preparation of a business and operations plan, and LRA office support. Tovey stated, "The pace of preparation and decision-making for the LRA has quickened significantly as the Depot Redevelopment Plan enters the implementation stage."

Gary Neal, Vice Chairman for the LRA and Director for the Port of Morrow stated that the five LRA partners, who include Tribal interests, Morrow and Umatilla counties, and the Morrow and Umatilla port districts, continue to work well together on a collective basis as the base conversion advances. The future Oregon National Guard 7,500 acre "Camp Umatilla" training base at the Depot is scheduled for establishment in late 2013. The LRA recently completed land-use and economic feasibility studies in preparation. The Army is nearing completion of required environmental analyses as the land transfers progress.