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**PORT OF WALLA WALLA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH POCKETINET COMMUNICATIONS
LAUNCHES HIGHSPEED WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE
AT THE WALLA WALLA REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING**

Passengers at the Walla Walla Regional Airport terminal building will no longer need to go off-line while they wait to get on an airplane, dine at the airport restaurant, or have meetings at the airport community conference rooms thanks to a high-speed wireless Internet network being launched today. The Wi-Fi system is a joint venture between the Port of Walla Walla and PocketiNet Communications.

Port of Walla Walla Commission President Ken Jantz said, "We are excited to offer this new service to both the traveling public and our airport users. Passengers waiting for flights or coming into the Walla Walla Regional Airport can be more productive by checking e-mail, getting the latest news or surfing the web throughout the airport terminal building area at no cost."

Todd Brandenburg, Chief Broadband Architect and Chairman of PocketiNet Communications said, "The service will allow anyone with a wireless laptop or PDA to connect to the Internet at no cost from anywhere in the airport terminal building instead of being tethered to a phone line or wall jack. We believe that it further distinguishes the Walla Walla Regional Airport and the Walla Walla Valley as a progressive community and leader in customer service. It is going to make the airport a more desirable location."

PocketiNet Communications was founded in 2000 as a supplier of business broadband to southeastern Washington and eastern Oregon. PocketiNet Communications corporate headquarters is located on the second floor of the Walla Walla Regional Airport terminal building.

Founded in 1952, the Port is the lead economic development agency for Walla Walla County. The Port's primary mission is the creation and retention of family wage jobs. The Port is governed by three elected Commissioners; Ken Jantz, Paul Schneidmiller and Fred Bennett.

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