

Financial Summary: NWIW Methanol Refinery and Export Terminal, Kalama Washington, August 2018

Northwest Innovation Works (NWIW) has applied for federal and Washington State grants and other forms of financial assistance. In addition, the company is asking U.S. taxpayers to own the financial risk—up to \$2.1 billion—if the proposed methanol refinery fails.

- 1. The Port of Kalama is asking the federal government for \$11.5 million to build NWIW a dock and a road to the methanol refinery.** The Port recently applied for a \$11.5 million dollar federal BUILD grant to construct a massive dock in the Columbia River for NWIW's methanol ships. *See BUILD Grant Supporting Documents:*
[2018.6.26 Letter of support for Port of Kalama BUILD app](#)
[2018.4.27 Federal BUILD Grant Announcement](#)
- 2. The Port of Kalama asked the state of Washington for another \$11.5 million to build NWIW's dock and road.** In Washington's latest transportation budget, the Port asked for an additional \$11.5 million dollars to pay for NWIW's dock and road.
See WA Transportation Funds Supporting Document:
[2016 WA DOT Prioritized Freight Project List](#)
- 3. The Port of Kalama asked for a \$15 million federal loan to build a well for NWIW.** To feed the methanol refinery's massive water demand, the Port of Kalama asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a \$15 million low-interest loan to fund construction of an industrial well on the shores of the Columbia River.
See USDA Loan for Well Supporting Documents:
[2014.6.26 Port of Kalama Special Meeting Minutes](#)
[2014.8.27 Port of Kalama Meeting Minutes](#)
- 4. NWIW lobbied for state tax loopholes valued at \$143 million.** According to a fiscal analysis prepared for the Washington legislature, existing tax loopholes will allow NWIW to avoid paying \$143 million in state and local sales taxes. NWIW successfully lobbied against legislation designed to close those loopholes.
See Sales Tax Loopholes Supporting Document:
[2016.2.24 Methanol plants could qualify for hundreds of millions in tax breaks, Tacoma News Tribune](#)

5. **NWIW wants U.S. taxpayers to bear the financial risk—up to \$2.1 billion—if the methanol refinery fails.** NWIW is asking the U.S. Department of Energy for a loan guarantee. If NWIW goes bankrupt, the federal government could be responsible for paying some or all of the \$2.1 billion cost of building the methanol refinery.

See DOE Loan Guarantee Documents:

[Credit Paper on NWIW Request for Loan Guarantee](#)

[NWIW Presentation Reissue](#)

6. **NWIW wants to use Washington public employees' retirement funds to build the methanol refinery.** NWIW gave the private investment firm Stonepeak the exclusive option to fund construction of the methanol refinery in exchange for part ownership. Much of the money Stonepeak would use to build NWIW's methanol refinery comes from Washington public employees' retirement investments.

See WA Retirement Funds Document:

[2016.12.14 Washington State Bets Retirement Funds on Fracked Gas, Sightline](#)