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**AEP Span Specialty Finishes Featured on  
New Port of Kalama's Transportation Interpretive Center**

West Sacramento, California, – November 20, 2014 – The Port of Kalama's Transportation Interpretive Center opened to the public on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, with a grand opening celebrating the state-of-the-art facility which features AEP Span's architectural metal panels in two new Specialty Finishes, Burnt Rust and Weathered Zinc.

"The Port of Kalama and the city have a long history," said Craig Collins, President of Collins Architectural Group, P.S., and lead designer on the project. The vision for this project was to replicate a traditional waterfront warehouse of the 1800s. "The print used for the exterior walls looked like rust metal and the roof like an old galvanized roof which lent itself to a turn of the century warehouse," stated Collins.

With the Port of Kalama located next to the Columbia River, there were also environmental and natural weather conditions taken into consideration. Because of high winds and wind driven rains, AEP Span's Span-Lok™ hp 24ga roof system provided the weather tightness needed for the building. The Weathered Zinc print, part of AEP Span's Specialty Finishes Metallic prints, provided the natural look of an old galvanized roof without the zinc runoff.

AEP Span's Select Seam® Wide Batten 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" 24 ga in Burnt Rust, an AEP Span Specialty Finishes Rustic print, was selected for the exterior wall application because of its replication of an historical board and batten wood siding system. The exterior walls were long expansions and the wide batten breaks up the siding, and the Burnt Rust print provided the rustic look without the rust runoff.

The center also features AEP Span's Nu-Wave® Corrugated 24 ga in Weathered Zinc used for the exterior blinds. Perforated Nu-Wave® Corrugated panels with battens were used in the interior as an acoustical application.

The new Port of Kalama houses the operations team and celebrates Kalama's unique place in Pacific Northwest history as a transportation and commercial hub. Cultural artifacts, memorabilia and replicas of the past are exhibited throughout the center bringing history alive for all visitors.

**Project Details:**

***Project:*** Port of Kalama Interpretive Center

***Architect:*** Collins Architectural Group, PS, Longview, WA

***General Contractor:*** Berschauer Group, Olympia, WA

***Installer:*** Martin Sheet Metal, North Plains, OR

***Manufacturer of Architectural Metal Panels:*** AEP Span, Tacoma, WA

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