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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release: Grand Opening – Historic Train Depot

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The City of Hoquiam's Historic Train Depot celebrated its ribbon cutting ceremony on September 3, 2008 with the grand opening of the Department of Licensing who has signed a 10 year lease with City.

The City of Hoquiam began the restoration of the Train Depot in 1992 when the building was donated to the City by the Burlington Railroad. In total, \$1.2 million was spent on the restoration, primarily through grants from the Federal Highway Department.

"I am excited that we are able to finish our historic train station – a community dream since 1992, said Mayor Jack Durney". "With this agreement with the DOL, we are

meeting the Council's goal of the train station being self-supporting and at the same time preserving the historical nature of the structure."

A portion of the lease revenue will be reserved for future updates so that the building will not be a burden to taxpayers in the future. But perhaps the biggest benefit to me is that the Department of Licensing office will be an anchor in our business district that will attract people from all over the county in to Hometown Hoquiam to shop and to perhaps invest. The Department of Licensing brings an average of 2300 customers per month to Hoquiam.
