- Well, there's already energy underway! The Advance Astoria initiative has begun to identify strengths and opportunities to anchor economic development strategies.
- Astoria's existing businesses and entrepreneurs form a strong community that can inspire innovation and aid growth in business clusters. A few of these leaders are profiled below.



Steel and Timber Construction/Fabrication

Timber and Steel is a local construction contractor that focuses on products that merge structure and function with art and elegance. Led by Tamara Altman and Shaun Catlin, the company provides an innovative approach to commercial construction, residential renovation, carpentry, metal fabrication, welding and sculpture. The comapny is an outgrowth of the "maker" ethos, wherein creative, do-it-yourself individuals use technology to bring their products to market. With a new "maker" space opening in Astoria, this sector offers opportunities for economic growth.



Maritime & M.E.R.T.S.

MERTS is the Maritime and Environmental Research and Training Station, and is a "one-stop shopping center for education in Maritime Science, coastal resources, environmental studies, scientific research training and Industrial and Manufacturing Technologies." As a part of Clatsop Community College and through a location in Astoria at South Tongue Point, MERTS offers courses in a variety of thematic areas, from welding to historic preservation. It creates locational advantages and operational efficiencies for the Coast Guard, seafood processors and a variety of other maritime-related entreprises.



Reveille Ciderworks

Reveille Ciderworks will complement Astoria's existing craft brewing and distilling industry by offering unique cider varieties crafted from local and regional ingredients. Jeremy Towsey-French and his wife Keri are helping to push the envelope within their industry, bringing influences from Portland-based micro-cideries and collaborating with local brewers (like Reach Break, another new entrant to Astoria) to pioneer new products. Astoria's craft beverage industry not only creates a significant number of jobs, but also produces products that are exported throughout the Pacific Northwest and contributes to Astoria's regional brand.

>>

What are your ideas? There are vacant and redevelopable sites around Astoria that need your input!

