AgTC/USDA Ag Shipper Workshop – Portland
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:00 AM -- Registration, Coffee and Danish.  Workshop: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: Sheraton Portland Airport 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220

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Ag Shipper Workshops -- off-the-record, informal, round table discussion of the most pressing challenges facing exporters and importers.

No press, ocean carriers or ports -- with the exception of invited high level carrier, labor guests and port sponsor.  Discussion continues over lunch, which will be served mid-day.

AgTC Member Fee: $45   Non-Member Fee: $145

Following are some topics to be discussed. If you have others, let us know and/or bring them with you!

- **Introduction to General Discussion**, forum for all attendees to raise issues. Discussion facilitated by:
  
  Peter Friedmann, Executive Director, AgTC

- **Ocean carrier service to Pacific Northwest shippers** – Alliances, mergers, new routes – What we need from ocean carriers. Forecast on the year ahead.
  
  Wolfgang Freese, President North America, Hapag Lloyd

- **Port Update**: Terminal congestion, automation, trucking and rail solutions into terminals
  
  - **Northwest Seaport Alliance** – Tacoma and Seattle terminals, new carrier Alliance deployment, congestions, new improvements, clean truck requirements, etc.
  
  - **Port of Portland** – New carrier service – first sailing in January. What’s next?
  
  - **NW Container Services** – Lifeline to Puget Sound ports
  
  - **BNSF** – New rail services from T6 to Puget Sound terminals
  
  - **Technology to reduce PNW terminal congestion** – Reade Kidd E-Dray

- **Electronic Logging Device** - Implementation, are you compliant? Both truckers and shippers must change routines. Hours of Service enforcement.

- **Trucking**: Ongoing challenges and new plans to connect Oregon/WA/Idaho exporters to the Puget Sound terminals. Increasing truck weights nationwide.

- **Labor at West Coast terminals.** New initiatives with ILWU. Update and supervisor jurisdiction dispute.

- **Federal Maritime Commission.** Petition to prevent unfair congestion/per diem charges, etc.

YOUR concerns and questions –encouraged throughout the Workshop. This is a *Discussion*, not speeches!