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## Central Washington city partners with state to streamline business licensing

**Olympia, Wash.** – Sept. 21, 2017 – Today, the Department of Revenue announced East Wenatchee is the newest local partner to join the state Business Licensing Service.

BLS gives the local business community a boost by simplifying license application, renewal, and payment processes. East Wenatchee is the 70<sup>th</sup> city to join the BLS which brings the city business licensing requirements together with state licenses that businesses may need to operate, such as minor work permits and liquor licenses.

BLS is a clearinghouse offering about 400 licenses, registrations and endorsements from state agency programs and partner cities. The Department of Revenue manages one of the few systems nationwide allowing businesses to simultaneously register with state agencies and cities in a single annual transaction. East Wenatchee joins many communities east of the cascades including Leavenworth and Ephrata to partner with the state's streamlined "one-stop-service" for business licensing.

Learn more about the service at <a href="http://bls.dor.wa.gov">http://bls.dor.wa.gov</a>, including the complete list of <a href="partner cities">partner cities</a>.

East Wenatchee has a population of 15,000 and is located along the banks of the central Columbia River.

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