Last week Congressman Blumenauer visited the Portland Hub for the United Parcel Service (UPS). The UPS Portland Hub is the largest distribution center for a region that includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Alaska. It is also the transit point for all volume between Washington, California (via rail), and all points east. The Hub expanded in 2010 and was the 2nd largest capital expenditure for UPS throughout the United States. The Portland Hub added 119,081 square feet, including a 69,050 square foot counting mezzanine. Also, 45 new outbound trailer areas were added. This expansion enabled the Portland Hub to hire or promote nearly 500 employees. Additionally, the Portland Hub handled over 290,000 packages in January 2011, representing the largest single Hub capacity on the west coast.