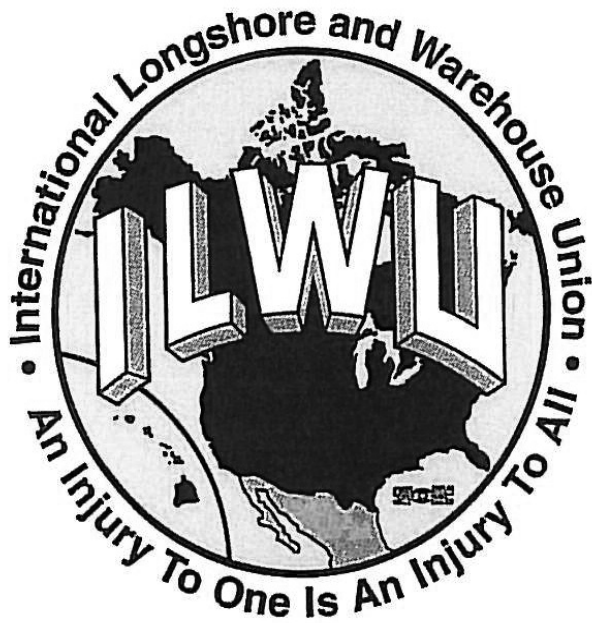


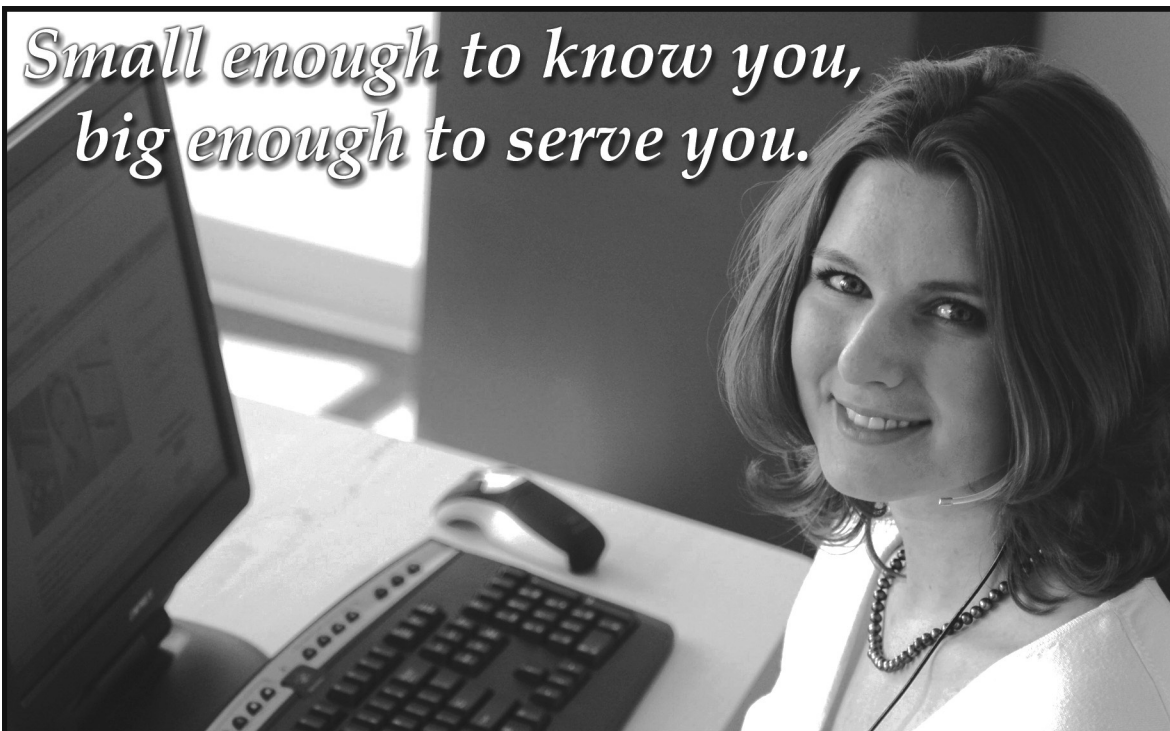
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## **Union contractor specializes in structures ruined by smoke, water**

In December 2009, vandals threw a fire bomb through the first floor window of Service Employees (SEIU) International Union Local 49's union hall in Southeast Portland, causing major fire damage to the front lobby and extensive smoke damage to the building and severe water damage in the basement.

SEIU called on union contractor Cooper Construction to oversee the restoration. In less than six months, the union headquarters was up and running again.

"SEIU and Cooper Construction worked together very well to accommodate code-required updates to structure, along with ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) requirements," said project manager Doug Lay. "We suggested several options to assist SEIU in cost savings for code and worked with them to make some minor remodel changes."

The restoration job employed many union craftsmen and women from various union subcontractors.

Carpenters framed in new walls and replaced all the doors, trim and hardware; plumbers replaced all the fixtures throughout the building; electricians replaced two panels and rewired over 70 percent of the building; new concrete front entry stairs and ADA ramp access and elevator pit were poured; floor covers laid new carpeting, vinyl and counter tops on all three floors of the building; painters painted; and elevator constructors installed an ADA access elevator to all three floors.

Cooper Construction is located at 2305 SE 9th Ave, Portland. The phone number is 503-232-3121.



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