

United Way names Portland Federation of School Professionals #111 top labor partner

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette raised a record-breaking \$25.7 million during its 2014-15 fundraising campaign. That's an increase of \$3.3 million over last year's revenue.

The announcement was made at the annual "Spirit of Generosity" awards banquet held June 3 to honor donors, companies, and volunteers that contributed to the campaign's success.

Portland Federation of School Professionals Local 111 was named Labor Partner of the Year. The union represents classified employees in the Portland Public School District.

Of the total amount raised, a little over half, or \$13.5 million, goes directly to United Way and helps support the nonprofit's work and 10-year commitment to break the cycle of childhood poverty in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties in Oregon, and Clark County, Washington. The remaining amount of \$12.2 million is distributed directly to the individual nonprofits designated by donors on their pledge forms, a service made possible by United Way's Cornerstone Program.

The record fundraiser is good news for Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA), a labor partner of United Way since 1974. The non-profit organization, which operates under the auspices of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council and a 16-person board of directors, gets much of its funding from United Way.

LCSA receives an annual allocation of \$125,000 from



Keith Thomajan, president and CEO of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, presents Portland Federation of School Professionals Local 111 President Belinda Reagan with United Way's "Labor Partner of the Year" award at the June 6 Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night banquet.

United Way's general campaign. This year it received an additional \$60,000 in direct designations from donors who checked a box on the United Way pledge card.

LCSA works with an array of community-based and governmental organizations throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington to provide education, information, referral services, and social service programs to citizens. It operates with a two-person staff of Executive Director Vickie Burns and Office Manager Eryn Byram.

"It's inspiring to see such strong support of United Way from every sector, every community in our four counties," said Keith Thomajan, president

and CEO of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. "We are especially grateful to the employees and retirees of our corporate partners who so graciously donated their time and talent in developing innovative campaigns that inspire thousands of others to give, advocate and volunteer in service to our region."

FERC revises schedule on Jordan Cove LNG

COOS BAY—The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued a revised schedule for the environmental review of the Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal and Pacific Connector

Gas Pipeline. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will now be issued on Sept. 30, 2015 rather than the previous date of June 12, 2015.

According to Veresen, the Calgary, Alberta, British Columbia-based company that owns the projects, the delay in issuing the final EIS is primarily due to the FERC's evaluation of an alternative pipeline route, known as the Blue Ridge route, which consists of approximately 14 miles of the 232-mile natural gas pipeline route.

Don Althoff, president and CEO of Veresen, said the company supports the alternative route, which was proposed by community members in Southwest Oregon.

Given the change in the FERC schedule for issuing the final EIS, Veresen is currently reviewing any potential impacts on the project schedule.

The terminal and supporting power plant will cost roughly \$6 billion, and will be built under a project labor agreement (PLA) with the Oregon State Building

and Construction Trades Council (OSBCTC) and the Northwest National Construction Alliance, which consists of the Carpenters Union and Operating Engineers Local 701.

Construction is anticipated to span 42 months, with an average workforce of 900, and a peak workforce of approximately 2,100. The average construction wage will be \$85,000 per year, including benefits.

The general contractors are Black & Veatch Corporation, Inc. and Kiewit Power Constructors.

The Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline is an additional \$1.5 billion project. Construction will employ 1,400 at peak, with an average of 800 workers. A general contractor has not been selected, but John Mohlis, executive secretary of OSBCTC, is "99.9 percent" certain it will be built under a PLA.

The terminal will be owned and operated by Veresen. The pipeline will be owned 50-50 by Veresen and Tulsa, Okla.-based Williams Partners Operating.

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The following are Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces where workers are determining whether to be represented by a union. The thumbs-up symbol means workers will be union-represented. Thumbs-down means they'll be on their own. Decert means a decertification election, where union-represented workers vote whether to remain union. The information comes from the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

Election Requests

Employer (Location) Union

Southern Wine and Spirits (Wilsonville) Teamsters Local 162
 ■ 23 drivers

PeaceHealth (Springfield and Eugene) SEIU Local 49
 ■ 1,040 hospital support workers in 40 classifications, from CNAs to techs to food service

Food Front Cooperative Grocery (Portland) UFCW Local 555
 ■ 86 workers – all full-time, part-time, and on-call workers

First Student (Dillard) Oregon School Employees Association (AFT Local 6732)
 ■ 15 full-time and part-time drivers and bus aides

Unionization by majority signup

Employer (Location) Union

Metro/MERC (Portland) IATSE
 ■ 28 workers –patrol and investigative sergeants

City of Hubbard (Hubbard) Fraternal Order of Police
 ■ 4 sworn police officers

Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue (Florence) Fire Fighters Local 851
 ■ 3 firefighters

Election Results

Employer (Location) Union

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Quality Custom Distribution (Tigard) Teamsters Local 305	14-7	👍
Glacier Northwest/CalPortland (Hillsboro) Teamsters Local 162	5-7	👎
Southern Wine & Spirits (Wilsonville) Teamsters Local 162	13-13	👎
Providence Newberg Medical Center (Newberg) ONA	80-48	👍
Firestop (Vancouver) UA Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669	1-2	👎
PeaceHealth (Springfield and Eugene) SEIU Local 49	527-367	👍

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