

INVITATION TO BID

The Siletz Indian Housing Authority (SIHA) is requesting bids from licensed, bonded contractors for the construction of approximately 152 feet of cedar fencing and 80 feet of 11-gauge wire mesh fencing at 12 Tootootney Court, Siletz, Oregon. Also to be included in the bid will be the installation of three gates – two in the cedar fencing – one 10' wide and one 3' wide – and one 3' wide in the wire mesh fence.

All fencing is to be six feet in height. The cedar fencing is to be the "good neighbor" type with 1" X 6" boards. The wire mesh fencing is to have top rail piping and bottom tension wire. All posts are to be set in concrete. All work is to be completed within 30 days of the signing of the contract.

To the greatest extent feasible, preference in the award of this contract shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises. Evidence showing fully the extent of Indian ownership and interest must be presented along with the bid in order to qualify for Indian preference.

Bids must be submitted in writing and must be received at the SIHA Office, 555 Tolowa Court, Siletz, Oregon, no later than noon on Monday, June 15, 1998. Bids may be FAXed to 541-444-8313. Bids sent by mail should be sent to SIHA, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380, in time to be received by the deadline.

For more information and to make arrangements to visit the site, contact Connie Hoffman, SIHA Director, at 541-444-8313 (1-800-922-1399 ext. 310).

Two Housing Commissioner terms up for appointment in June 1998

BY CONNIE HOFFMAN
SIHA Executive Director

Tribal Members interested in serving on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners may apply for appointment to one of two terms which expire in June. The seven-member board is the governing body of the Siletz Indian Housing Authority (SIHA).

SIHA is responsible for the development and management of the Tribe's housing projects and for overseeing the activities which will be funded by the new Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

The board meets in regular session once each month and depending on business, may also meet in special sessions.

Much of the board's time is spent dealing with issues involving the residents of the Mutual Help and rental housing areas. SIHA also administers a Section 8 rental assistance program which assists Tribal member households throughout the 11-county service area.

This is one of the most challenging and rewarding assignments within the Tribe. Board members are often faced with difficult decisions, which affect the lives of Tribal member families. They also play an important part in meeting one of the most basic human needs—that of shelter.

Persons interested in serving on the board should apply by letter to Margo Norton, Tribal Council Secretary.

HIP's Housing Education Fairs: Note Salem area meeting rescheduled to July 18



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Saturday, June 13, 1998. The location is the Portland Area Office, 3715 SE 39th, Portland, Oregon 97202. Contact Cynthia Viles for further information at 503-238-1512.

Originally scheduled for June 27, 1998, the Home Buying Fair to be held at the Salem Area Office has been **rescheduled to Saturday, July 18, 1998.** The Salem Area Office is located at 3789 River Road North, Suite D, Keizer, Oregon 97303. Contact Beverly Owen for further information at 503-390-9494.

RSVP would be helpful for staffing and scheduling purposes. Both offices are acting independently for these home-buyer education programs, so contact the office where you will be attending.

We will have break-out sessions and separate booths for confidentiality purposes.

Agenda will be:

Invocation	12:30
Potluck and socializing	12:35-1:00

Icebreaker	1:00-1:10
Overview	1:10-1:15
Breakout sessions	1:15-5:00

The main topics will be:

- A free profile credit report
- Explanation of the FmHA housing opportunities available to pamphlets and a brief description of services available.
- Financing opportunities through a lending institution.
- Financial planning will be available for all tribal members including those individuals only interested in financial planning.
- Discussions on possible housing needs and opportunities for the future of tribal members in the Portland and surrounding areas.
- We are trying to locate a possible group who would look at refinancing opportunities through a lending institution. This may depend on turnout, so remember to RSVP as soon as possible.

Ideas are welcome for other housing-related topics you would like to discuss. We will try to accommodate you as time allows.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

A tentative schedule has been approved for the \$600,000.00 HUD-funded rehabilitation program for the 54 Mutual Help homes in Siletz. The project, which will include separate contracts for roofing, fencing, flooring, electrical, drywall, and other repairs, is scheduled to go out to bid June 15, with a mandatory pre-construction conference set for June 30 and bid opening set for July 9. Any interested contractors should contact the Housing Authority office in Siletz at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 310.