

## Proposals Wanted for Tsunami Hazard Sign

Tsunami Hazard Interpretive Sign for Siletz Bay: Native Legend Format

**Objective:** Create a graphic for a native legend tsunami interpretive sign for Siletz Bay that takes into consideration Native oral histories/legends and scientific information. The educational sign should be both scientifically accurate and dramatic, so more people will be attracted to read the sign.

**Description:** The graphic should include the following:

1. Text about the event should be concise (owing to space limitations) and written like a good story. It should incorporate:
  - a. date and time of event (9 p.m. on Jan. 26, 1700)
  - b. geologic evidence (tsunami sand layers covering buried soils in the marshes of Siletz Bay)
  - c. estimated height (~30-35 feet)
  - d. quotes from oral histories/legends if available; description of what it probably felt like to go through a big earthquake with rolling motions lasting four minutes that were strong enough to knock you off your feet; then, 20 minutes later, a surge of ice cold sea water flooding into the village in the darkness faster than people could run away. The description should include the horror of watching loved ones sucked out to sea as the wave withdrew; then more people lost when additional waves struck over the next several hours.
2. Drawings
  - a. Accurate depiction of Siletz Bay and village at Taft (and possibly Salishan Spit)
  - b. Accurate depiction of tsunami (surge of water carrying debris, like logs and splintered longhouses)



*The turnaround in the Taft area of Lincoln City*

- c. Accurate depiction of people and their response to tsunami (people running away but looking over their shoulders; some standing in shock before the tsunami surge)
- d. Black and white or color drawings are acceptable; either format can be accommodated

**Site Visit:** A site visit is recommended; the photo above is for reference.

**Budget:** \$2,000

**Applicant profile:** Open to all

**Application:** Submit a sketch (11x17) or sketches, along with a letter discussing your interest in and approach to the project, to George Priest, DOGAMI, 313 SW 2<sup>nd</sup>, Suite D, Newport, OR 97365.

**Application deadline:** April 15, 2003. A committee will evaluate and make a choice from submitted proposals. Finalists may be asked to present their proposals and answer questions.

If you have any questions, the primary contact is Mark Darienzo at 503-378-2911, ext. 237, or [mdarien@oem.state.or.us](mailto:mdarien@oem.state.or.us).

## Ho-Chunk Nation Gives \$50,000 to College Fund

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis. – In a display of both good will and foresight, the Ho-Chunk Nation gave \$50,000 to the American Indian College Fund based in Denver, Colo., in December.

The money will be used to fund an endowment for the fund, the earnings from which will be used to give scholarships to qualifying American Indian and Alaska Native students seeking to further their college education. The American Indian College Fund formed in 1989 already helps more than 6,000 students each year attend college or training school.

The donation came about from the hard work and dedication of Vicky Stott, a Ho-Chunk tribal member from Denver, who is the manager of the Sovereign Nations Program for the American Indian College Fund. Currently this fund, similar to the more famous United Negro College Fund, is attempting to secure a \$10,000,000 endowment fund to assist American Indian and Alaska Native students from all tribes and nations.

The fund has raised more than \$1 million toward its total goal. This \$50,000 gift is one way the Ho-Chunk Nation uses its gaming revenues in a positive way to help a multitude of American Indians and Alaska Natives better themselves.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has long supported higher education for its members and an entire division of its Education Department is devoted to assisting tribal members with college scholarships. In addition, the Nation gives generously to its own Josephine WhiteEagle Scholarship fund, which grants scholarships to tribal members seeking graduate education by paying tuition and other graduate school expenses.

Donations to the American Indian College Fund, an IRS Section 503(c)(3) non-profit, are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to the College Fund at 8333 Greenwood Blvd, Denver, CO 80221. For more info, click on [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org).

## Oregon Selected for "Troops to Teachers" Program

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Stan Bunn announced in early January that the Oregon Department of Education has been selected as a Troops to Teachers (TTT) placement office.

TTT helps eligible military personnel and drilling reservists transition to second careers as public school teachers in high-need schools. The goal is to help relieve teacher shortages, especially in math, science, special education, and professional technical education.

"I am pleased to see Troops to Teachers come into the state," said Bunn. "This is an excellent example

of partnership between state and federal agencies that helps fill critical gaps in Oregon's teaching force and benefits students.

"The women and men who have served in our armed forces and in the reserves will bring Oregon classrooms real world and life experiences, as well as state-of-the-art work experience," Bunn said.

Karyn Phillips will coordinate the Oregon program, which provides counseling, referral, and placement assistance to help with certification requirements and employment with Oregon school districts. Phillips

had been the executive assistant to the superintendent.

The Troops to Teachers program was established in 1994 and has been reauthorized under The No Child Left Behind Act through 2006. TTT program participants may be eligible for a stipend or bonus of \$5,000 or \$10,000 toward the educational costs of gaining an Oregon teaching certificate.

For more information about the Troops to Teachers Program in Oregon, contact Karyn Phillips at the Oregon Department of Education at 503-378-3600, ext. 2215, or by e-mail at [karyn.phillips@state.or.us](mailto:karyn.phillips@state.or.us).