

Job tax credit saves employers \$1.5 million

Clackamas County employers have been able to claim up to \$1,539,000 in tax credits over the past year through the federal Targeted Job Tax Credits (TJTC) Program, according to a state TJTC program manager.

According to Hale Thornburger, program manager, "Actual in-pocket dollar savings to employers can be roughly based on 30 to 35 percent of the credit claimed." This translates to a potential maximum of \$500,000 in Clackamas County and \$16 million statewide in additional cash available.

Through TJTC an employer can claim as tax credits up to 50 percent of

the first \$6,000 in wages for the first year and 25 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages in the second year for eligible employees.

In Clackamas County 342 persons were TJTC certified and hired as part of the 10,700 persons similarly certified and hired in Oregon this past year.

The program was passed by Congress in 1978 and encourages hiring certain targeted groups in the private sector by providing employers with a substantial tax break. Statewide from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, employers were able to potentially claim up to \$48 million in tax credits.

The TJTC program was recently amended and re-

enacted, changing some aspects of the program to better serve the small employer. Currently an employer can only claim tax credits on up to 30 percent of total FUTA wages. Under the amended law this is no 30 percent wage limitation and all TJTC eligible employees can be claimed beginning Jan. 1, 1982.

Thus the small employer with 12 employees can claim all 12 of those eligible, whereas only three or four could be claimed prior to Jan. 1 under the 30 percent limitation. State officials felt this change would assist Clackamas County a great deal, since it is predominantly made

up of small businesses.

For potential employees to be eligible they must come under one of the targeted groups, which include: economically disadvantaged youth aged 18-24; economically disadvantaged youth in cooperative education programs; recipients of general assistance; handicapped persons; economically disadvantaged Vietnam-era veterans; economically disadvantaged ex-offenders hired within five years of conviction or prison release; recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Employers contacted were satisfied with the program and felt it helpful to

their business. They cited the small amount of paperwork involved and quick response time of TJTC staff was especially helpful.

Ken Tallant, secretary-

treasurer of Eagle Foundry Co. in Eagle Creek, said, "In one year we had a credit of \$20,000 and the second year a little less, but it's still worth it."

Most businesses con-

tacted did feel the program is worthwhile, especially for smaller companies, because of the potentially large tax saving.

A TJTC staff person is available through

Clackamas CETA to help companies screen and certify new eligible employees. Anyone interested in the program should call Clackamas CETA at 635-4591.

Study of conservation techniques may reduce earthquake damage

Engineers at Oregon State University have launched a \$249,500 study to learn more about how wood-frame buildings are damaged by earthquakes and winds.

"Winds and earthquakes

cause millions of dollars in damage to wood-frame buildings in the United States every year," said Anton Polensek, a structural engineer in the forest products department and principal investigator.

"But there is a lack of information about how the damage occurs and of construction techniques that might reduce damage."

The researchers will test and evaluate effects of simulated earthquakes and

winds on various building components—roofs, walls and floor diaphragms—and on the connectors that join walls to walls, roofs to walls and floors to foundations.

Standard industry construction practices will be used in building the components, it was noted.

The two-year project is funded by a National Science Foundation grant. Harold Laursen, OSU professor of civil engineering, will work with Polensek.

Public notices

NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING

On Wednesday, December 2, 1981, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Courthouse Annex, 906 Main Street, Oregon City, Oregon, the Board of County Commissioners will consider a review of the Clackamas County Hearings Officer's denial of an Alteration of a Non-Conforming Use request to make a lot line adjustment with property to south to increase size of existing cemetery by 4 acres.

Unless otherwise provided by the Board of County Commissioners under Section 1305.04 of the Clackamas County Zoning Ordinance, the review of the decision shall be confined to the record of the proceedings before the Hearings Officer. The Board of County Commissioners may admit additional testimony and other evidence without holding a new hearing or hear the entire matter again, if it is satisfied that the testimony or other evidence could not have been presented at the initial hearing.

The party requesting review is CLACKAMAS COUNTY, File No. 22-81-E.

The review is for property generally described as follows: South side of Hwy. 211 approximately 1 mile west of 362nd Drive, Sandy area.

The specific property is further described as: T2S, R4E, Section 27, Tax Lot 200, W.M. The application is available for inspection at the Clackamas County Planning Division, 902 Abernethy Road, Oregon City, Oregon (phone 655-8521) from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BEFORE THE LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION of the State of Oregon

IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF SANDY: Notice of Request for Acknowledgement of Compliance With the Statewide Planning Goals.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development has again received a request from the City of Sandy that their comprehensive plan and implementing measures be acknowledged to be in compliance with the Statewide Planning Goals. In the first review of this plan, the Land Conservation and Development Commission found that certain aspects of the City's plan did not comply with Statewide Planning Goals.

The Commission will review the plan at its meeting on February 4-5, 1982. The review will be based on a report by DLCD staff and comments received from affected local, state and federal agencies and interested persons. Reviewers are advised that the materials submitted may also affect other Goal topics in the jurisdiction's compliance request previously found by the Commission to be ready for acknowledgement.

Comments or objections to the Commission acknowledging the plan must be submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, 1175 Court Street N.E., Salem, OR 97310, by November 30, 1981 to be addressed in the staff report. Comments or objections must be submitted in writing to the Department by January 20, 1982 to be considered by the Commission and should also be sent to the local government.

Copies of the plan are available for review at the Department in Salem and the DLCD Field Office in Portland (320 SW Stark Street, Room 330, Portland, Oregon 97204), Clackamas County (320 SW Stark Street, Room 330, Portland, Oregon 97204) and the Sandy City Hall.

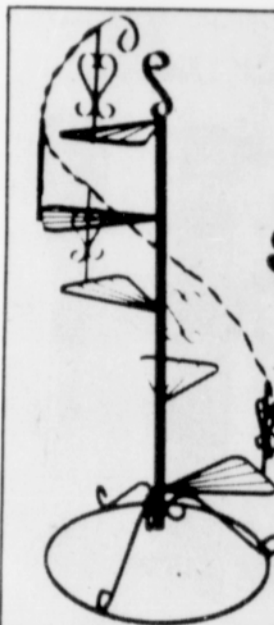
For additional information, contact the Department in Salem, toll-free 1-800-452-7813, or the Portland Field Office, 229-6068.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1981.

For The Commission: W.J. Karsten, Director
Department of Land Conservation and Development
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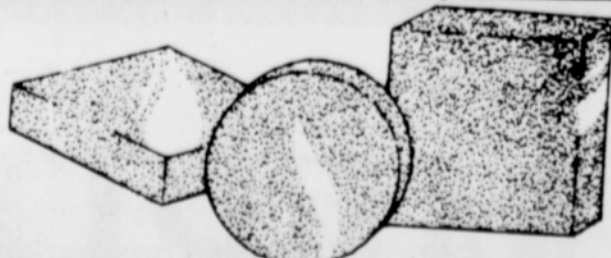
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