

Additional Unemployment Insurance Benefits Triggered

Oregon unemployed workers may be eligible for additional unemployment insurance benefits beginning Feb. 24, according to state Employment Division officials.

Claimants who have run out of benefits but still have active claims will be eligible for up to an additional six and one-half weeks of benefits paid at their normal weekly benefit amount with a maximum of \$247 per week. Prior to this, 26 weeks was the maximum number claimants could receive.

"Typically, these benefits are payable during periods of high unemployment to Oregonians who have run out of benefits, but still have unexpired claims," said Pamela Mattson, Employment Division Administrator.

Additional benefits are triggered in Oregon when the ratio of those receiving

unemployment benefits to the number of workers covered by unemployment insurance law averages 4.5 percent for 13 weeks.

Few states have this type of additional benefit program, Matton said. "Back in 1983, Oregon's legislature chose to start making this available to workers when the economy starts weakening," she said. "Although this state has not yet fallen into a recession, as has much of rest of the country, the trigger of these additional benefits shows that Oregon's economic picture is worsening."

Employment Division Officials expect as many as 9,500 Oregonians could be eligible initially. Potentially eligible claimants will be receiving written notices and application forms in the mail.

CITY OF PORTLAND PORTLAND OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

for
Traffic Data Processing System - TDAT
Proposals Due 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 22, 1991

The City of Portland, Oregon, Bureau of Traffic Management has acquired funds to hire the services of a consultant or consulting team to develop data base and related applications, as described in the proposal to provide for the project goal stated below:
The goal of TDAT is to facilitate efficient and cost-effective storage, retrieval, processing and sharing of traffic engineering data.

The City proposes to contract with a consultant/consultant team who has demonstrated expertise in developing data base applications in a VAX/PC network that includes processing of raw data at the PC and in the VAX environment. The easy storage and retrieval of traffic data is vital to a responsive and productive Office of Transportation. In order to satisfy the need for traffic data, the Bureau of Traffic Management conducts over 5,000 traffic studies per year. These studies include primarily traffic volume counts, speed studies, vehicle classification counts, and manual turning movement counts. Most of the traffic data from these studies is presently stored on paper in filing cabinets or archived on disk. TDAT will provide a data handling system to improve and enhance the City's traffic data capabilities.

The programming environment will consist mainly of a high-level 4th Generation data base language and associated enhancements. Other programs may also be needed to process information on IBM compatible field (laptop) and office personal computers. This \$49,990 project is targeted for the development of one or more applications packages (in the data base environment), special purpose programs and the transfer of existing data.

The Request for Proposals will be available for distribution starting March 1, 1991 from the Bureau of Traffic Management, 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Room 730, Portland, Oregon 97204. The Portland Office of Transportation is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and, as such, especially invites and encourages proposals for professional, technical and expert services from minority and female owned business enterprises. Please direct questions concerning this proposal to David L. Hutson, (503) 796-5172 or to Bill Kloos at (503) 796-5382.

Request for Proposals

The Oregon Traffic Safety Commission is interested in contracting for one or more spokespersons to work statewide in promoting safety belt enforcement activities. The spokesperson(s) will work with police executives, professional police organizations, sheriffs and community leaders at state and local levels. To qualify, each spokesperson must be a current or retired police officer.

All individuals and firms interested in receiving a copy of the Request for Proposal should write KC Humphrey, Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, 400 State Library Building, Salem, Oregon 97310. Letters must be postmarked by March 8, 1991.

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1990 Preliminary Part I Crime Statistics

Preliminary Report Portland Police Bureau 1990 Part I Offenses

Offense	1989	1990	% Change
Murder	38	28	-26%
Rape	412	427	+4%
Robbery	2692	2551	-5%
Aggravated Assault	4936	4808	-3%
Burglary	12461	9002	-28%
Larceny	27353	26049	-5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7191	5949	-17%
Arson	566	547	-3%
Total	55649	49361	-11%

The preliminary crime statistics report reflects a 28% decline in Burglary (3,459 fewer reported cases), 17%

decline in Motor Vehicle Theft (1,242 fewer reported cases), 26% decline in murder (10 less murders).

Offenses such as murder, aggravated assault and rape, tend to be crimes tied to personal frustration, troubled relationships and economic conditions which have an effect on such emotions which people act on and carry out their aggressions. This makes it hard to determine the impact of these variables upon these crimes. Offenses such as burglary, motor vehicle theft and larceny show a decline and we believe the following have had an impact on these particular

crimes.

1) Citizens organizing into neighborhood groups and engaging in problem solving strategies with police to address crime in their communities. This has resulted in solutions, as well as citizens utilizing crime prevention programs and techniques (i.e., neighborhood watch, site hardening of their homes and neighborhood response teams.) Such partnerships and problem solving methods are some of the goals of Community Policing.

2) Additional jail space has kept offenders, including repeat offenders, locked up and off the street. The additional jail space has also designated more beds for treatment of those persons who abuse drugs and alcohol and who often commit property crimes to obtain drugs.

3) Continued law enforcement efforts in targeting and arresting prolific burglars who often commit more than one burglary prior to their being identified and apprehended.

4) Finally, there are still a number of property crimes (i.e., burglary and larceny) that are not reported to the police. The reasons could include apathy, and concerns of increased insurance premiums may outweigh the concern to report the crime.

In regard to motor vehicle theft, since the automobile is the single largest investment many persons make, they will usually report a stolen auto.

Therefore, we conclude that (1) auto theft usually is reported, and (2) there truly has been a decline in the number of auto thefts attributed to the aforementioned reasons (1,2,3 and 4.)

Support Our Troops!

PPL Has New Rose City District Manager



year company veteran.

Holden joined Pacific in 1976 as a customer service representative and has held various positions in the company's Portland customer offices. She was business and community development representative for Pacific's Portland Metro Area offices before being named interim Rose City manager in October of 1990.

Active in numerous organizations, Holden is a recipient of the Neil Kelly award for exemplary business and community contributions. She serves on the board of North-Northeast Business Boosters and the National Fuel Fund Network, and is co-founder of the national League of Utilities and Social Service Agencies.

Sheila Holden

Pacific Power's new Rose City district manager is Sheila Holden, a 24-

New Rape Hotline

The Citizens' Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) of Portland has announced a new Hot-Line Number for psychiatric patients who have been sexually abused.

Bill Franshaw, spokesperson for the Portland CCHR chapter, stated, "since the recent report from the Board of Medical Examiners (December 1990 issue) that sexual misconduct by physicians is on the rise, it is up to each and every one of us to clean this disease from our community. It is also very crucial to the victims of this abuse to be able to reach out to someone who is genuinely concerned and willing to help."

The Portland phone number is 228-3279.

Older Women's League

Saturday March 9, 1991, 10:00a.m. to noon, Mid-life and older women are invited to the Portland Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL) at the Willamette Athletic Club, 4949 SW Lansing Drive (1/2 block west of SW Macadam). Topic: "Celebrating Together: Black and White". Speaker: Kathleen Saadat, Assistant to City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury. Program is in honor of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March). Meeting is open to the public, NO ADMISSION CHARGE, No-Host coffee available. Ample parking. Tri-Met and handicap access entrance on Macadam. Call OWL for directions or information. (245-4271).

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Those of us that don't have what you call 'good' hair (smile), will always love the ground that this great woman walked on. She was the first Black woman to enter in a beauty school in the early 1900s. Not just the first black woman, but the first Black person to graduate from a beauty

school at that time. She also was the first Black woman millionaire.

Every time you pick up a pressing comb, or any type of hair product, think of Madame C.J. Walker.

Dr. Margorie Joyner: Dr. Joyner helped to also bring self-esteem to the black woman. To look in the mirror and see a soft beauty looking back at you is great. We as sorority of the Alpha Chi pi Omega salute you ladies.

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