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- Contract financing through local commercial banks
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- Increased contract opportunities with the City, County and other program participants

Give our loan officers a call if you'd like more information about the program or how to qualify: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 823-3320 or 823-3321.

As the City's economic development agency we support the continued growth of minority businesses and acknowledge their importance to a thriving local economy.

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## African American Contractors Summit

The Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business, the National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon and the Unity Breakfast Committee are sponsoring an African American Contractors Summit on Saturday October 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Summit will take place at the new State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon, in Portland. Free parking is available on the top deck next to the State Office Building. The goal of the summit is to identify ways for contractors to take advantage of existing and future opportunities in public and private construction projects. Advocate Faye Burch says "the summit will also be a chance to explore options and to find

solutions to minimize barriers to the process."

The half day summit will consist of a panel presentation focusing on concerns and other contracting issues. Invited panel members include; OB Hill of NAMCO, James Boyd, Boyd Landscaping, James Cason, Pen-Nor Construction and Kenny Carr, Carr Construction Inc. Afterwards, participants will break out into small groups to discuss solutions. Facilitators currently working in the industry and familiar with contracting concerns, will be available to lend support. Industry representatives from purchasing and lending institutions will be invited to act as

a resource for financing and other types of available assistance.

A preliminary survey was sent to Portland area African American contractors and providers of services, to solicit input on a variety of contracting issues such as bonding, technical assistance, licensing/and or certification, access to capitol, and mentorships. Firms are invited to offer suggestions as to their needs and expectations for the summit. Over 60 contractors were invited to participate and summit organizers expect attendance to be high. For more information about the African American Contractor Summit, contact Cathy King OMWESB 378-5651 x230.



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