

ODOT Initiates New Minority Contractor Effort

The Oregon Department of Transportation will offer minority contractors the opportunity to act as prime contractors on as many as six small Westside Corridor-related projects in Portland.

"We have determined that minority contractors have continually lost market share since 1989," said Bea Hudson, manager of ODOT's Civil Rights Section. Hudson said that in 1989 the U.S. Supreme Court in Croson vs. the City of Richmond, Va. effectively ended state and local government preference programs for minorities.

"This is a chance for minority contractors to win contracts from ODOT as private contractors," said Hudson. She said that since most minority contractors are small, they are limited in the types of jobs they can bid for as prime contractors.

"These Westside Corridor projects are in the \$50,000 range," Hudson said. "That puts them within the range of smaller contractors. And the type of work involved will mean that the prime contractors will need little or no subcontractor assistance."

Proposals for one project, a parking lot construction job, will be opened at ODOT's regular bid opening on May 26.

Contractors wanting more information about the initiative and upcoming projects should get in touch with Jerry Hoffman at ODOT's Office of Civil Rights in Salem at (503) 378-4900.

1994 State Tax Filing Change

Beginning with the 1994 tax year, Oregon taxpayers will not have to attach copies of federal schedules to their Oregon income tax return. They will file only a copy of their state income tax return and a copy of the front and back of their federal 1040 form. This change eliminates the need for the taxpayer to include any federal schedules.

Some of the common schedules filed include: Schedule A - Itemized Deductions; Schedule B - Interest and Dividend Income; Schedule D - Capital Gains and Losses; and Form 2441 - Child and Dependent Care Expenses

Eliminating the need to file federal schedules will make it easier for the taxpayer to file their return and for the department to process them. This change should reduce that average to four pages. The information previously found on the schedules will be obtained electronically from the Internal Revenue Service. About 30 percent of Oregon taxpayers file the form 40S (short form) and don't have to include federal schedules now. These taxpayers will not be affected.

Native Americans Honored By Rose Festival; Tribal Leaders Named Parade Grand Marshals

The tribal leaders representing each of Oregon's Indian tribes and their unique sovereign status will be honored as Rose Festival Grand Marshals in this year's Delta Airlines Grand Floral Parade.

Eight tribal organizations in Oregon will be represented in the Grand Floral Parade. Preceding the Grand Marshals will be the Northwest Indian Veteran Association Honor Guard and a representative carrying an eagle feather staff, a symbol sacred to the Indians.

Grand Marshals and the tribes they represent include: Doug Hawley and Clifford Sam, Burns Paiute Tribe; Greg Norton, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Mark Mercier, Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde; Antone Minthorn, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Delvis Heath, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation; Ken Tanner, Coquille Indian Tribe; Marvin Garcia, Klamath General Council; and Dee Pigsley, Siletz Tribal Council.

"The Rose Festival strives to be a celebration of the spirit of our state and what better way to portray that

spirit than by honoring our native people," explained Doug Capps, president of the Portland Rose Festival Association. "These people are interwoven into the fabric of Oregon—its past, present and future," he said.

A program of Native American events and activities is being organized by the Rose Festival Association. Tribal representatives will visit Portland-area schools prior to parade weekend to meet with students. A post-parade reception honoring the tribal leaders, free and open to the public, is being hosted by the Oregon Historical Society.

In addition, the Northwest Film

Center and the Sacred Earth Coalition are co-presenting a film festival of Native American films, produced entirely by American Indian film producers. The film festival takes place June 9-12 at the Film Center in Southwest Portland. A premier showing of a film by a Northwest American Indian film producer is planned. The Native American Film Festival is underwritten in part by the Portland Rose Festival Association as part of the association's commitment to cultural education and awareness.

An Indian cultural presentation of music, drumming and dance will also occur at the Mervyn's Showcase

of Floats at Oregon Square in the Lloyd District on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. Hours are 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. This presentation is free to the public.

The Portland Rose Festival celebrates its 86th year in 1994. The Delta Airlines Grand Floral Parade takes place on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 10 a.m. Ticketed indoor and outdoor seating is available at the Coliseum. Outdoor seating is available at the Oregon Convention Center. Tickets are available at G.I. Joe's Ticketmaster outlets or by calling 224-4400.

Target and Habitat For Humanity Begin Construction Of New Home In Portland

Plans to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Northeast Portland will soon become reality as Target and Portland Habitat affiliate begin groundbreaking activities for the new house being built at 1142 NE Dean St. The house site will be excavated and the foundation will be poured.

Once the foundation has been set, Target volunteers from the new Hillsboro-Tanasbourne store that open since July will be teaming with employees from surrounding stores to help complete the house by mid-July. Target volunteers will work together with Habitat for Humanity

and the partner family on a activities such as wall-raising, siding and painting. Their volunteer work is scheduled to begin the week of May 21.

"We are very excited to begin work on the new Habitat home with Target's support," said Ben Schonberger of Portland Habitat for Humanity. "Target employees have agreed to volunteer hundreds of hours to help make this dream a reality for a local family in need."

The project is part of Target Stores' national "Building A Wonderful Life" program, which provides funding and people power to build

homes in Target store communities throughout the country. "Building A Wonderful Life" was inspired by the key messages of philanthropy and community giving found in the classic holiday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life". The Habitat home in Portland is one of 38 homes to be built by Target employee volunteers nationwide in 1994.

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