

# Music, Theater to Engage Community in Cause

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 PCUN, Ramirez regularly organizes to raise awareness of the farm worker's struggle. He will also bring attention to the seven-year boycott against Norpac and the ways that others in the community can get involved. The program will feature live music by Lolo Rivas from El Salvador, who plays political and traditional folk music. A youth theater group will perform, along with a traditional Aztec dance group, Itotianizayolltl, Nahuatl for dancers of the heart.

Burritos and refreshments will be available. There will be a desert sale, along with autographed copies of Susan Samuels Drake's book "Fields of Courage," and National Walk for Farmworker Justice T-shirts. "We are inviting the entire Portland community, especially those organizations that have endorsed the walk... to come out and have a fiesta," Sara Meza-Romero from Oregon Farm Worker Ministry said.

This benefit is the second of three being held for the walk. The first, held in

Eugene raised over \$3,000. The organizers of the Portland benefit hope to raise at least half of that. "The fund raiser comes out of the constant need of groups like this to find ways to creatively fund our cause," Meza-Romero said. Though funding has been difficult on occasion, all those involved see the cause as very worthy. Fraser Rasmussen is unhappy with the "unfair low wages" and "poor conditions" the people who "provide the food we eat" live and work in. That is why as a member of the

Central Lutheran Church and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, he leads the Portland committee for the fundraiser.

The National Walk for Farm Worker Justice will go on for a week in June. It will consist of several walks in and around the fields being worked. The week will end with a rally at the capital in Salem, and an interfaith service. The money raised at these three fundraising events will go to help promote the cause, provide food and housing to the participants.

# Bids

## Request For Proposals #01-08 Enterprise Zone Community Contributions Business Development Fund: Matching Grant And Loan Program

The Enterprise Zone Community Contributions Business Development Committee has established an RFP process that seeks to award low-interest loans and/or matching grants to N/NE businesses and/or Community Based Organizations (CBO's) who submit business development and capacity building proposals for N/NE Portland small, emerging, women, and minority owned businesses. The full Request for Proposals may be obtained by telephone or Fax request to:

Colin Sears, Program Coordinator  
 Portland Development Commission  
 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 7000  
 Portland, OR 97201  
 Phone: 503-823-3320  
 Fax: 503-823-3368  
 Searsc@portlanddev.org

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the above address

No later than 5:00 P.M., Friday, May 31, 2001.

Faxed copies will not be accepted.

Contractors who are certified as Minority, Women or Emerging Small Business are strongly encouraged to apply. Contractors are also recommended to utilize Minority, Women, and Emerging Small business Enterprises for their subcontracting needs. Portland Development Commission greatly values diversity in contracting and in the workforce.

# Business Group Puts Out Welcome Mat



A new sign sponsored by the North Northeast Business Association, at the south end of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in the traffic island at the curves, welcomes home area residents and draws business up the street from Broadway. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER.)

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## Advertisement For Bids

Sealed bids for the **Klamath Hall Green Lab project**, University of Oregon, will be received by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education at U of O Facilities Services Dept., Conference Room #2, 1995 Franklin Blvd. (physical address), 1276 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1276 (mailing address), **until 4:00 PM PDT, Thursday, May 17, 2001.** Bids thus received will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Undersigned or his designated representative.

Briefly, the work includes renovation of existing space on the first floor of Klamath Hall into a Chemistry Teaching Lab. Work includes mechanical, electrical and architectural upgrades.

Bidding documents may be examined at UO Facilities Services Dept.; Eugene Builders Exchange, Eugene; Daily Journal of Commerce Plan Center, Construction Market Data, and Construction Data Plan, Portland; Oregon Contractors Exchange, Clackamas; Douglas County Plan Center, Roseburg; Medford Builders Exchange, Medford, Salem Builders Exchange, Salem; Central Oregon Builders Exchange, Bend; and Valley Plan Center, Kent, WA.

Prime bidders may obtain up to two sets and subcontractors one set of bidding documents at Central Print and Reprographic Services (Julie), 47 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Eugene, OR 97401, 541-342-3624, upon receipt of a refundable deposit of \$100 each set, with a check or money order made payable to the UO. Deposits will be refunded for documents returned in "good condition" **within ten days after the opening of bids.** After that date the deposit checks will be deposited by the UO.

A **Mandatory** Pre-Bid conference to include an examination of the site and conditions will be held at **2:00 PM PDT, Tuesday, May 1, 2001**, in Conference Room #2 UO Facilities Services Dept. tour of the project site will follow the meeting.

All bidders must comply with ORS 279.348-279.365 relating to prevailing wage rates, and ORS 279.029 relating to resident or non-resident status. All bidders must be registered with Construction Contractors Board, as required by ORS 701.035.

Bids will be received on a lump sum basis for all of the work. No bid will be considered unless fully completed in the manner provided in the Division B-"Instructions to Bidders" upon the Bid Form provided and accompanied by bid security. Any and all bids may be rejected for good cause upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

Oregon State Board Of Higher Education  
 By: Daniel A. Williams, Vice-President for Administration  
 Eugene, Oregon

## Sub-Bids Requested

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Additional information may be obtained by contacting Facilities Services, 100 Adams Hall, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-2001 or telephone 541-737-7694.

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