

Film Depicts Inner City Struggles

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interview, but we couldn't find one," Swort said.

Along the way, Swort became an accidental resident of the area. Born in Bergen County, New Jersey, he moved to Eugene in the 1990s and worked for such environmental groups as Green Peace and Earthfirst! In 1998, facing eviction from his home, he sought to buy a house with money from a small inheritance.

"There was nothing available in Eugene," he said, "and the only house we could find in Portland was on Morris Street." At the time, he says, he was unaware that this was part of the Portland African-American community.

Swort now works as grant director for the Portsmouth Target Area Program, among other things editing their Portsmouth Press

newsletter. He is also a board member of the Eliot Neighborhood Association, and played a key role in efforts to revitalize Dawson Park and reclaim it from drug dealers.

Assessing the area today he said, "Eliot is in a unique place in the gentrification curve. There's enough affordable housing to keep it a mixed community, but how do you get folks to interact? In Boise there's not as much affordable housing, but you have a community where people interact. The best moments are when people interact, and you need to try to provide those moments."

Produced by SydHonda Cinema Productions and Sabin CDC, the film was funded in part by the Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Washington Mutual Bank, and the Enterprise Foundation.

EL OBSERVADOR

Carter to Mediate Venezuela Talks

(AP)—Venezuela's president said Sunday he hoped that former President Carter's visit next week will help revive talks between the government and its opposition, which have been locked in a power struggle since a failed coup.

"We receive him with faith and joy," Hugo Chavez said Sunday during his weekly radio show, adding that Carter's visit should "open the way and strengthen peace."

After meeting with Chavez and opposition politicians last week, the Atlanta-based Carter Center announced that Carter would arrive July 6 for a four-day visit to help break the political deadlock.

Carter's visit comes at the invitation of Chavez, who is hoping the ex-president can help persuade opposition politicians, business and labor leaders to join government-sponsored reconciliation talks.

Chavez, an ally of Cuban President Fidel Castro, praised Carter for becoming the first American president — former or sitting — to visit Cuba since the U.S. embargo on the communist island began. Carter visited Cuba last month and pressed for democratic reforms.

Reconciliation talks here began after Chavez survived an April coup in which military generals toppled him following an opposition march in which 18 people died and hundreds were wounded.

The left-leaning former paratrooper regained power in less than 48 hours after the coup sparked more deadly demonstrations, military protests and international condemnation.

Chavez promised a more conciliatory government, firing some unpopular Cabinet ministers and vowing changes to some new economic laws staunchly opposed by the business community.

Prominent opposition parties, however, distrust Chavez and are campaigning for an early referendum on Chavez's rule. Many Venezuelans fear a repeat of April's violence.

Despite a deepening economic recession, Chavez still enjoys widespread support and admiration from millions of poor Venezuelans. Many believe he liberated the country from the grasp of two corrupt political parties and admire his efforts to bring social equality to Venezuela.



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Plans and Specifications are filed with Multnomah County CPCA and copies may be obtained from the above address for a \$5.00 non-refundable fee. **CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS ONLY.** Plans and Specifications **WILL NOT BE MAILED within the Metropolitan, Tri-County area.** Bid list and occasional bid/RFP downloads are available at web address <http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/purch/>

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PRE-QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDER may be required pursuant to the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules (AR 40.030). See Specifications for project classes of work. Pre-qualification application, or proof of Pre-qualification by the Oregon Department of Transportation, must be received by, or postmarked to, Multnomah County Purchasing no later than 10 days prior to the bid due date. **PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS DUE: July 12, 2002**

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission (MERC) is **REISSUING the REQUEST FOR BIDS** for the remodeling of Concession Stand "B" at the Oregon Convention Center due to an error in the specifications pertaining to ORS 279.027.

Sealed Bids for the OCC - Concession Stand "B" Project, must be delivered to MERC Administrative Offices at 777 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232 to the attention of Mark Hunter, Project Manager, no later than 11:00AM Pacific Time (according to the US Naval Observatory Master Clock), Tuesday, July 16, 2002. The bids will then be secured and then opened and publicly read aloud at 3:00PM at the MERC Conference Room.

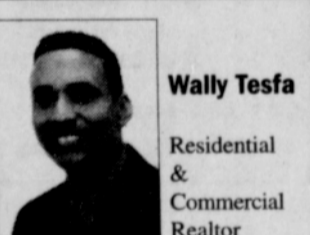
The Work contemplated consists of all equipment, materials, and labor as necessary to remodel the existing Concession Stand in accordance with the construction documents. The location of the work will be at 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97232.

Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or cashiers check, or Bid Bond executed on the prescribed form, payable to MERC in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount. Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract and for the payment of all persons supplying labor and materials as prescribed in the Contract Documents.

This is a public works project subject to ORS 279.348 to 279.380. By signing and submitting a Bid for this project, the Bidder certifies that it will comply with ORS 279.350, requiring payment of prevailing wage rates. Bidders must also use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work and be registered with the Oregon Construction Contractor's Board pursuant to ORS 671.530. Each Bid must contain a statement as to whether the Bidder is a resident bidder, as defined in ORS 279.029. Bidders must also comply with MERC's Minority Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, and Emerging Small Business Program.

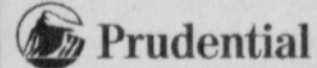
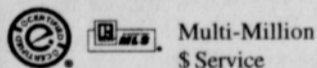
MERC reserves the right to reject all or any Bids not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents, to reject for good cause any and all Bids upon a finding of MERC that it is in the public interest to do so or to waive any informality or irregularity in any Bid or Bids. MERC further reserves the right to award the Contract at any time within thirty (30) days following the Bid opening date.

A bid packet can be picked up at the MERC Administration Offices at 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, Third Floor. To reserve a packet contact Pam Krecklow, Construction/Capital Projects Assistant at (503) 731-7846. For information concerning the proposed work contact Mark Hunter, Construction/Capital Projects Manager, MERC (503) 731-7827.



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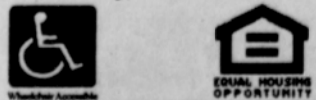
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