

# College Construction Builds Local Workforce

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HVAC system. The barreled roof design of the grocery store has posed some unique challenges that our crew has risen to with a positive, innovative attitude."

The 29,000-square-foot Public Services Education Building is a renovation of the former Renaissance Market site on North Killingsworth Street and Mississippi Avenue. The two-block site will house several PCC public ser-

chanical engineering technology instructor and former department chair of that program. Her three children also attended the college.

"We are committed to this community," said John Crymes. "Our employees and office staff are the foundation of this company and they have made the commitment to make this company a success."

Sharon Crymes doesn't want to grow into a huge corporation, but does want to satisfy the basic needs of its busi-

ness and employees. have a long history of working with PCC in our family. And we'll be bidding on more projects at the college in the future."

With the Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business initiative, the college has allocated \$8.7 million to date in contract money toward women, minority or emerging small businesses for the construction projects.

In addition, minority and females make up nearly one-third of all apprentices on the PCC construction project sites. As of July 2004, more than 1,900 MWESB contracts have been allocated.

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vice training programs, including fire science, emergency medical services, 9-1-1 dispatch training and criminal justice.

The project is part of the \$57 million in bond projects earmarked for urban Cascade Campus.

Crymes is a former student and graduate of PCC and her husband John is a retired me-

ness and employees.

It's no wonder Sharon, whose company is also working with Emerick Construction on the Technology Classroom Building at the Sylvania Campus, takes pride in PCC projects.

"It is exciting to work on PCC projects, especially with my many connections to the college," Sharon said. "We



Sharon Crymes and her company Mechanical, Inc. installed the ventilation system at several new Portland Community College facilities, including the new Public Services Education building on the PCC Cascade Campus in north Portland.

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percent of the automotive dealerships in the United States controlled by minorities, instead of the current 5.5 percent.

In a press release, Rainbow Push singled out Ford for terminating deals with or seeking resignations from 49 minority dealers last year.

Ford spokeswoman Beverly

Thacker acknowledged the number of minority-owned dealerships fell slightly last year, but she said nearly all of the closures were based on decisions made by the owners them-

selves or mutually with Ford.

"We remain committed to increasing our minority dealer count and providing capital for sound and successful minority dealer development," Thacker said.

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