

Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on
new motor vehicle

It was not long ago when consumers were reluctant to purchase a Dodge product, however Dodge has changed its products. The new look of Dodge is bold, hotrod and heavy duty. The new Dodge Magnum is a full-size American crossover vehicle with spacious cargo capacity and is available with all wheel drive. They have taken what once was the family station wagon and re-packaged the exterior to give it a bold hot-rod flare.

The Magnum SXT comes with a 3.5 liter high-output 24 valve with 250 horsepower. The 2005 SXT model is also offered with five-speed automatic and all-wheel drive. The other Magnum models available are the SE (\$21,870), 2.7-liter aluminum V6 or the R/T (\$29,370) with a 5.7 liter V8 Hemi. The Hemi is equipped with the multi-displacement system (MDS) which allows the engine to run on 4 cylinders when not as much horsepower is needed, allowing an increase in the fuel economy of the vehicle. You will not be able to feel the change from 4 to 8 cylinders but you will see the results when you need the extra power.

Certain vehicles may give one a feeling of power and strength behind the wheel.

The 2005 Dodge Magnum SXT



Tested Vehicle Information: Price \$27,435; Engine: 3.5L High-Output 24-valve V6; Transmission: Four-Speed Automatic.

The Dodge Magnum is one of those. Even though there is plenty of power the acceleration it is smooth, allowing your neck not to snap back when stomping on the accelerator. The Magnum excels with its smooth and solid ride, tight handling and quiet cabin.

Optional equipment on Leather trimmed bucket seats, heated and power front seats, eight-way power driver seat, 17-inch painted aluminum wheels, cargo compartment covers and net, anti-lock four-wheel brakes and all-speed traction control. Another item that is becoming increasingly popular is the power adjustable pedals, this feature is especially popular with consumers that are under average height because it allows the pedal to be raised to a higher level so that one does not have to put a pillow behind their back or sit on top of the steering wheel to drive.

While driving around town I received several positive responses about the style and bold look the Magnum showcases although one person thought that it look like a hearse with tinted rear windows. I can see sales rising in the Daimler Chrysler Motors Company with its new vehicle line up.

CLASSIFIEDS / BIDS

Room Available for rent
comfortable, good location,
no smoking/pets,
\$400/mo including utilities.
503-449-5065

Senior Section 8 Elderly
(over 62) Housing
1 Bedroom - 1 Bath
Walnut Park Apartments
(503)282-7449

CITY OF PORTLAND RFP NO. OMF023

Bureau of Human Resources
Summer Youth Employment Program 2005
Proposals Due By: 12:00 p.m., February 4, 2005

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The City of Portland, Bureau of Human Resources requests proposals from firms, teams or individuals with demonstrated experience operating youth oriented internship, school to work, or employment programs. The Request for Proposals may be obtained from the City of Portland website at: <http://cityofportland.ebidsystems.com/public/solicitations.asp>.

Proposals shall be received at the Bureau of Human Resources, Room 404, 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave., Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 823-3528, until 12:00 p.m., February 4, 2005. Direct any questions regarding this solicitation to: Joseph Quiñones at jquinones@ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-3514.

Proposals shall be reviewed by an evaluation committee in accordance with Chapter 5.68 of the City Code. Proposers shall comply with the City's M/W/ESB and Equal Employment Opportunity Programs. The City of Portland is committed to increasing contracting, sub-contracting and employment opportunities for minority, women and emerging small businesses. Proposers are required to evaluate project requirements to maximize use of M/W/ESB firms. Proposers are encouraged to conduct pre-submittal conferences and are advised to investigate all potential sources of M/W/ESB and maximize outreach to increase participation. Attention is called to Chapter 3.100 of the City Code relative to certification as an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. EEO certification requirements are available on the Bureau of Purchases website at:

www.portlandonline.com/omf/purchasing.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Williams Plaza Window Replacement Project No. WP-18-05-01

Sealed bids will be received at the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), 4400 NE Broadway, Suite B, Portland, Oregon 97213, until **2:00 pm, Thursday February 10, 2005** for labor and materials to replace windows at Williams Plaza. Shortly thereafter, bids will be opened and publicly read. **The First Tier Subcontractor List, Hap-421 must be received by 4:00 p.m. the same day.** No bidder may withdraw their bid after the hour set for opening until after the lapse of sixty (60) days from the bid opening.

The basic work consists of: removal of existing windows replacing them with windows as specified in plans and specifications.

Bid Documents are available at the HAP Office noted above, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005. A \$50 deposit for one set and \$20 (twenty) for each additional set is refundable when documents are returned within 10 days after bid opening.

Attendance of bidders is requested at a **pre-bid tour** of the project at Williams Plaza Apartments, 2041 NW Everett St. Portland, OR, 97209. At **11:00am, Wednesday January 26, 2005**. Questions posed during the tour, not addressed in the documents, will be answered by addendum.

The Housing Authority may reject any bid not in compliance with the prescribed bidding procedures and requirements and may reject any or all bids and waive all informalities if, in the judgment of HAP, it is in the public interest to do so. Questions regarding this project should be directed to **Leslie Crehan** at 288-5777 or Carmen Schleiger at 288-5772.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND

Leslie Crehan
Acting Capital Improvements Manager

Summer Run Retirement Apartments




7810 SE Foster Road
Portland, Oregon 97206
503.774.8885

- Studio & One-Bedroom Apartments
- Affordable Rent with No Costly Buy-ins or Application Fees
- Federal Rent Subsidies Available
- Ideal Urban location near shopping, bus lines, restaurants, and more!
- Enjoy our small community atmosphere that's relaxed and friendly!

Fight for Social Justice! Nation's leading healthcare union seeks organizers in Oregon.

Must have excellent communication skills, strong work ethic, believe in social justice, be able to work independently and in team, valid license and auto. Bilingual a plus; especially in Russian, Tagalog & Vietnamese. Women and people of color strongly encouraged to apply. Competitive salary \$36k+ DOE, auto allowance, and excellent benefits. Fax or Mail info to Organizing Director at SEIU Local 49, 3536 SE 26th Ave, Portland, OR 97214 or fax# 503-238-8653

EMPLOYMENT



These are just a few of the current job openings available with the State of Oregon. A more complete announcement listing, application forms, and additional job information are available at: a) local Employment Department field offices, or b) the Oregon Jobs page at www.oregonjobs.org. The State of Oregon offers employees competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits that includes employer paid health insurance, paid holidays, vacation, sick and personal leave; membership in the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan (OPSRP); and opportunities to participate in the Oregon Savings Growth Plans. The State of Oregon and all its divisions are proud to be equal opportunity employers.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OREGONIANS by joining the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), the statewide health and human services agency. We help Oregonians be independent, healthy and safe. We are absolutely committed to ongoing innovation in the delivery of services, and we are committed to recruiting, developing and retaining a diverse workforce.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- **Principal Contributor 1**
SPD Senior Business/System Analyst
Salary range: \$3,546 - \$4,978/month
Announcement #LEHS4099A - Salem
Position closes January 21, 2005
- **Electronic Publishing Design Specialist 3**
Electronic Publishing Design Specialist
Salary range: \$2,664 - \$3,698/month
Announcement #LEHS5018 - Salem
Position closes January 25, 2005

HEALTH SERVICES

- **Communicable Disease Investigator**
Salary range: \$2,546 - \$3,529/month
Announcement #LEHS5023 - Eugene
Position closes January 26, 2005
- **Research Analyst 4**
Senior Research Analyst
Salary range: \$3,698 - \$5,157/month
Announcement #LEHS5015 - Portland
Position closes January 26, 2005
- **Fiscal Analyst 2**
Fiscal Analyst
Salary range: \$3,208 - \$4,476/month
Announcement #LEHS4708A - Portland
Position closes January 26, 2005
- **Program Technician 2**
Diabetes, Heart Disease & Stroke Health Systems Coordinator
Salary range: \$3,208 - \$4,476/month
Announcement #LEHS4642A - Portland
Position closes January 31, 2005

- **Principal Executive/Manager C**
Diabetes, Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention Program Manager
Salary range: \$3,223 - \$4,745/month
Announcement #LEHS4772 - Portland
Position closes January 31, 2005

CHILDREN, ADULTS & FAMILIES

- **Principal Contributor 2**
Special Projects Coordinator
Salary range: \$3,903 - \$5,486/month
Announcement #LEHS5019 - Salem
Position closes January 25, 2005

To obtain detailed job announcement and application materials, visit the DHS website: www.dhs.state.or.us/jobs/; call the DHS job line at (503) 945-5742; TTY (503) 945-6214 or contact any local Oregon Employment office. Information is available by referencing the announcement number.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)

PERS covers nearly 300,000 members and administers retirement, disability benefits, health insurance, and deferred compensation plans statewide. We strive to serve our members by delivering retirement and health benefits, effectively and efficiently. The following positions are currently open at PERS:

- **Project Manager 2 (Accounts Receivable Project)**
Responsible for directing and coordinating overall tasks related to A/R project, including collections, financial reporting, and risk management.
Salary range: \$3,546 - \$4,978/month
Announcement #LE050030
Closing date: January 25, 2005

You can obtain job announcements, which may include test questions, and the State of Oregon application form (PD100) from the local Employment Department, the state website: www.oregonjobs.org; PERS website: www.oregon.gov/pers or call PERS Human Resources at 503-603-7794 (TTY 503-603-7766). Criminal history will be checked prior to hire. EOE/AA.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)
ODOT People drive Oregon's Department of Transportation.

If great benefits, a professional work environment, job innovation, and career growth opportunity drive you, then come to ODOT. Current recruitments include:

ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL

- **Property Management Coordinator**
Salary \$1,863 - \$2,546/month
Announcement #OCDT4907 - Salem
- **Executive Assistant**
Salary \$2,208 - \$3,060/month
Announcement #OCDT4622A - Salem
- **Program Support Specialist**
Salary \$2,208 - \$3,060/month
Announcement #OCDT4623A - Salem

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ENFORCEMENT

- **Permit Analyst**
Salary \$2,207 - \$3,061/month
Announcement #OCDT4856 - Salem

ENGINEERING/ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Permits Coordinator**
Salary \$3,160 - \$4,525/month
Announcement #OCDT4761 - Salem
- **Bridge Systems Engineer**
Salary \$4,236 - \$6,070/month
Announcement #OCDT4903 - Salem
- **Roadway Designer**
Salary \$3,160 - \$4,525/month
Announcement #OCDT4517 - Portland
- **Quality Control Compliance Specialist**
Salary \$2,865 - \$4,101/month
Announcement #OCDT4518 - Portland
- **Inspector/Surveyor**
Salary \$2,357 - \$3,375/month
Announcement #OCDT4766 - Corvallis
- **Survey Crew Chief, Project Inspector**
Salary \$2,865 - \$4,101/month
Announcement #OCDT4765 - Ona Beach

MANAGEMENT/PROFESSIONAL

- **Geo-Environmental Section Manager**
Salary \$4,523 - \$6,659/month
Announcement #OCDT4901 - Salem
- **Highway Budget Officer**
Salary \$3,720 - \$5,486/month
Announcement #OCDT4909 - Salem
- **Project Manager**
Salary \$3,720 - \$6,035/month
Announcement #OCDT4863 - Hermiston

PURCHASING/CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Contract Management Analyst**
2 immediate vacancies!
Salary \$3,208 - \$4,476/month
Announcement #OCDT4823B - Salem

TRADES

- **Dispatcher**
Salary \$2,208 - \$3,060/month
Announcement #OCDT4769 - Salem

Working @ ODOT. The Way to Go. Detailed job announcements include qualifications, requirements, and instructions on how to apply for these jobs. Go to www.odot.state.or.us/jobs/ for a complete copy or call 503-986-4030 (TTY 503-986-3854) to request by mail. ODOT is proud to operate as an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Announcements will be made available in alternate format upon request: (503) 378-6202, TTY 1-800-993-8898.