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BMW 525XI

Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$54,140; Engine: 3.0 liter DOHC, 24-valve Valvetronic 6-cylinder with VANOS steplessly variable valve timing; Transmission: Six Speed Manual.

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The BMW 5 Series delivers just about everything you could ask for in a luxury sedan. It offers the features, comfort and convenience of full-size luxury sedans, the sporting character of smaller ones, and a better compromise between interior space and physical bulk. It's a benchmark for the auto industry and engineers alike.

The 525XI engine is a 3.0-liter dual overhead cam (DOHC), 24-valve inline 215-horsepower 6-cylinder engine with composite magnesium/aluminum engine block, Valvetronic system, and 1-stage air intake manifold offers all the power and exhilaration one might need in their driving experience.

The 525XI provides the spectrum of BMW mechanical systems for performance and safety, including Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) that can correct potentially dangerous car movements when wheels slip laterally. This year, BMW upgrades the DSC equipment by adding Brake Fading Compensation, Brake Standby, Brake Drying, plus Start-off Assistant.

The base price of the 525XI starts at \$44,000 which includes remote keyless entry security alarm system with remote trunk release, automatic climate control with micro-filter and air-recirculation, leather wrapped multi-function steering wheel, power tilt and telescopic, steering wheel, Anti-theft AM/FM/CD audio

system, memory system for driver seat, side-view mirrors and steering wheel position, power window, seats, head restraints, and glass moon roof, service interval indicators, iDrive system with on board computer, check control vehicle monitor system and pre-wiring for BMW 6-Disc CD Changer and satellite radio.

The BMW 525XI on the upside is a great, exhilarating, powerful experience with the superior handling that BMW is known for. The downside of vehicle is that you cannot tune the radio to certain stations in the area, there no ability to control where the heat is flowing, and it would be great if the premium package were included in the price.

Alarcón Tackles Community Issues

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past 11 years he has seen neighborhood programs drift from predominant community participation to vague support.

"There's been a drift of focus of what the neighborhood associations are supposed to be," he said. "The result is a dissonance between grass-roots participants and

the city."

He faults the decisions of the past made by top ONI administrators who failed to get the opinions of local residents.

"The difficulty with a top-down administration is you're relying on community to be clients, not resources," he said.

Mark Sieber is the volunteer executive director for Neighbors

West/Northwest. He shares Griffith-Valade's sentiment; saying others in his group lean toward a "less is better" belief when it comes to agency involvement.

"There's a broad concern from neighborhood volunteers that the city was not as interested in hearing from the public," he said. "I think the Potter administration intends to open things up."

CLASSIFIEDS/BIDS

METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION-RECREATION COMMISSION (MERC)

Ore. Convention Center, North Side AV Control Room, Exhibit and Meeting Spaces

Sound System and Related Infrastructure Replacement Project
Request for Bids, due March 7, 2006, 2:00PM, MERC Admin. Offices

The MERC is soliciting "sealed bids" for the OR Convention Center (OCC) North Side Sound System Replacement and Related Infrastructure in accordance with the Project Specifications available for pick up, at the OCC, MERC Admin. Offices at 777 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR, 97232, North Holladay Lobby, top/ballroom level on concourse. One copy per prospective Bidder at no charge. Specifications are not available electronically and will not be mailed. The work consists of all labor and materials for the removal and replacement of the original building AV equipment in the head end room, exhibit and meeting spaces, and associated wiring, apparatus and infrastructure per the specification.

A site visitation will be held on February 21, 2006, at 9:00AM Pacific Time, to commence at the Holladay Lobby of the OCC. The meeting will start promptly. If you are late, you will be left behind.

This is a Public Works Project pursuant to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

Owner's contact and Project Manager is Mark Hunter, 503-731-7827, or Heather Olsen, Construction Coordinator, at 503-731-7846.

Sealed Bids must be submitted in legible English, clearly designated for the Project, by March 7, 2006, by 2:00PM, PT, US Naval Observatory Master Clock, at the MERC Administrative Offices. Bids submitted after this time cannot be accepted. First tier subcontractors lists must be submitted prior to 4:00PM the same day, at which time the Bids will be opened and publicly read.

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Event Manager I - Part-time, Oregon Convention Center. \$17.30 - \$19.07/hr. Deadline: 2-22-06. Coordinates facility events and acts as liaison to facility users.

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To access the complete job announcement and required application materials, visit our website at www.metro-region.org/ jobs or pick up a complete packet at Metro Human Resources, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland. Resumes are not accepted.

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The Oregon State Board of Higher Education/OUS is seeking qualified construction management firms interested in providing Construction Management/General Contractor (CMGC) services in connection with the Miller Theatre Addition to Villard Hall project on the University of Oregon campus.

The successful CM/GC will be working closely with a design firm and the University on scheduling, budget and constructability issues through the Design Development and Construction Document phases of design. The project will include a new 150 seat Black Box experimental theatre, new lobby that serves the new and existing Robinson Theatre, as well as support facilities for the theatre spaces. Renovations within the existing building are probable. The adjacent building will be occupied during the entire construction process. The addition will be approximately 25,000 sf with additional renovated space. The current construction budget is between \$4.5 - \$5 million. The project intends to bid during the winter of 2006-2007 for a spring 2007 construction start.

Written proposals completed in accordance with the RFP must be received by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education at the University of Oregon Facilities Services Department, Capital Construction, by 4PM, PST, March 2, 2006.

If submitted by mail, send to:
Department of Facilities Services
Capital Construction
1276 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1276

If delivered by messenger or other delivery service:
Department of Facilities Services
Capital Construction
1295 Franklin Boulevard
Eugene, OR 97403

A voluntary pre-proposal conference and examination of the site conditions will be conducted at: the Villard Hall Conference Room, on February 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM, PST.

All proposers must comply with requirements of the prevailing wage law in ORS 279C.800 through ORS 279C.870. All proposers must be registered with the Construction Contractor's Board at the time of proposal submission.

Documents will be electronically distributed upon your contacting the University of Oregon at the below stated contact.

Firms interested in obtaining the Request for Proposals (RFP), which describes the application and selection process, should phone, write or E-mail to:

University of Oregon Facilities Services
Attn: Linda Silver
1276 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1276
Phone: 541-346-2287
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By: Frances Dyke, Vice-President of Finance and Administration, Eugene, Oregon

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