

# Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

## 2007 Nissan Quest 3.5 SL

BY KATHLENE CARR

Exterior styling sets it apart from others. Available in four trims—3.5, 3.5S, 3.5SL, and 3.5SE—the 2007 Nissan Quest gets props for its freshened interior. Interior is high quality and comfortable. Multiple roof windows give it an open feel. Center overhead console, like in an airliner, puts lights, air and storage in easy reach of passengers. Dual screen DVD gives everyone a nice view. Wireless headsets are cool. Remote door/rear hatch open/close is very useful. The Six disc, 5-speaker sound system sounds great. A Rear view monitor adds a higher level of safety.

"Stadium seating" lets 3rd row passengers see well. Interior space seems huge.



Specifications: 235HP 3.5 Liter DOHC 24 Valve V6 Engine; 5-Speed Automatic Transmission; \$34,015 Manufacturer Suggested Retail; 18/25 MPG

No "shift shock." Every 2007 Nissan Quest draws its power from a 3.5-liter, dual overhead cam, 24-valve, V6 engine that runs on premium fuel. Horsepower is rated at 240 and peaks at 5,800 rpm, while torque peaks at 242 lb.-ft. at 4,400 rpm, all of which reaches the front wheels thanks to a five-speed automatic transmission. This power train, used liberally across the Nissan lineup though tuned for specific applications, allows the 2007 Quest to tow up to 3,500 pounds. Traction control is standard; stability control is optional.

The exterior features a new grille, smoked headlights, revised taillights, updated wheels, and chrome accents.

The tons of safety features, impressive styling, excellent acceleration and power makes the 2007 Nissan Quest not only a great family-hauler but a cool ride too!

# Transportation Agency Builds Diverse Workforce



Lori Bean of WorkSystems, Inc. lends her expertise to potential apprentices entering careers in heavy highway construction.

## Minorities, women wanted for highway projects

The Portland Metro Area Regional Workforce Alliance is preparing 31 potential apprentices for entering careers in heavy highway construction.

The Oregon Department of Transportation collaborated with the Oregon Employment Department, Bureau of Labor and Industries, and WorkSystems, Inc. to develop orientation classes to help

candidates meet apprenticeship requirements to enter into the heavy highway construction labor pool.

Those requirements include academic and skills testing, registration in a job database, and viewing an ODOT-produced video designed to prepare people for a career in highway construction.

The orientations are part of the agency's goal of expanding the

number of qualified people—especially women and minorities—working on highway projects.

Skilled highway construction workers are in demand in the Portland metro area and across the state as ODOT repairs and replaces hundreds of bridges through the \$1.3 billion State Bridge Delivery program.

"Forty percent of skilled construction workers in the Portland metro area are 45 years old or older," said Guy Crawford, director of employment services for Northwest College of Construction. "Projects like the bridge program, Portland's downtown transit mall renovation and the Portland Development Commission's south waterfront development projects make this an opportune time to enter the construction industry."

The orientations, held at the Metro One Stop Center of the Portland Community College Workforce Network in northeast Portland are the first of many similar sessions scheduled around the state during the coming year.

Heidi Moon, a civil engineering student at PCC, attended the orientation to find out more about an apprenticeship as an operating engineer. Moon learned about the apprenticeship program on ODOT's web site and came to the orientation to hear from experts in the construction industry.



Tamera Boyd of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries works to expand the number of women and minorities working on highway projects.

"I have a family, and I'm looking for a way to make a good living without completing a four-year degree," said Moon. "It was great to hear from other people in the industry, and I'm excited to see where this takes me."

Apprenticeships in heavy highway construction trades such as ironworking, carpentry and equipment operation provide occupational training that combines on-the-job experience with classroom instruction. Students can also apply these credits toward an associ-

ate degree. Typically, these paid apprenticeships last two to five years and allow people to earn a livable wage while they learn.

"Apprenticeships start at approximately \$16 per hour, or 60 percent of what a certified journey worker makes, and we'll prepare you to manage your money," said David Dixon of ODOT's Office of Civil Rights. "If you look at this as a career, the opportunities for financial and professional growth are limitless."

Paul DePalma, ODOT Region 1 Technical Center manager, assured

the group that current and future bridge program projects and other public and privately funded projects across the state would result in increased job opportunities.

"As we look ahead, there is a serious shortfall in the number of construction workers in the state," said DePalma. "We are looking to develop a rewarding career and build Oregon's transportation infrastructure. You have an opportunity to invest in your future and the future of our state."

**MARTIN CLEANING SERVICE**

**CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**  
Residential & Commercial Service

**CARPET CLEANING**

2 CLEANING AREAS OR MORE PRE-SPRAY TRAFFIC AREAS INCLUDES 1 SMALL HALL	<b>\$25.00</b> Each Area
1 CLEANING AREA PRE-SPRAY TRAFFIC AREA (HALL EXTRA CHARGE)	<b>\$35.00</b>
STAIRS (with other service)	<b>\$1.50 Each</b>

**Additional Services**

- AREA & ORIENTAL RUG CLEANING
- AUTO / BOAT / RV CLEANING
- DEODORIZING & PET ODOR TREATMENT
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVAL SERVICE
- SCOTCHGUARD PROTECTION

**UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**

SOFA	<b>\$69.00</b>
LOVESEAT	<b>\$49.00</b>
SECTIONAL	<b>\$99.00</b>
CHAIR OR RECLINER	<b>\$35.00</b>
THROW PILLOWS	<b>\$5.00</b>

**COUPON SPECIAL**  
ANY 3 CLEANING AREAS PLUS HALL & SOFA OR HALL, LOVESEAT & CHAIR  
**\$135.00**

**CALL FOR APPOINTMENT:**  
**(503) 281-3949**

**Project Hope**

223 NE Russell St  
Portland, Oregon  
(503) 287-4914

Open M-F 9-5 pm • Saturdays 10-5 pm

**FURNITURE SALE 50% -70%**  
All The Time

*Help Support The Youth*

**Bargain Wireless**

Free All Year Wireless Awards

**#1 Wireless Store!**  
**No Credit Checks!**

We buy & sell used phones.  
We do Bill Pay (Cell Phones, Utility Bills)

Service offered: Sprint, Nextel, T-mobile, Qwest, Dish Network, Comcast, prepaid.

3511 N.E. MLK Blvd. Portland, OR 97212  
(503) 282-6061

T-Mobile Qwest Sprint dish

www.bargainwireless.net

**Charles McCleoud**  
CEO

516 SE MORRISON ST, STE 540  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97214  
BUSINESS 503 234 4452  
CELL 503 901 1535

**McCloud ENTERPRISE, LLC**

WE SUPPORT YOUTH ANTI-GANG OUTREACH

*"where a reflection of you, is a reflection of me"*  
**BAJIK SYMONE**  
stylist

Mirage Salon  
salon : 503.286.1512 / van : 503.604.4712  
2948 NE MLK Street / Portland, OR 97212  
bajiksymone@yahoo.com

**WE PAY YOUR DEDUCTABLE!!**

We pay up to 100% of your deductible

**VIP COLLISION CENTER**

Quality work at affordable pricing

Free Estimates & Insurance Billing

**503-445-4702**

"Always Service With A Smile" 6444 NE Martin Luther King Blvd.