

Portland Observer Auto Review

"XTerra: X-perience X-treme X-citement"

By Kathleen Carr

In a market crowded with high-posture posers, the Nissan Xterra is the genuine article: a real, safari-grade adventure vehicle that still handles everyday life on pavement with refinement and confidence. The 2007 Xterra looks big, tough and powerful; especially at the front, where the massive bumper and V-strut grille conspire to add bulk and menace in rear-view mirrors. The wheel wells are accentuated with squared-off lines, adding muscular shoulders to the Xterra's stance. Crowned with a rock-solid easy access roof rack, the bodywork is intended to suggest off-road performance. At the same time, Xterra still projects a high-utility image. It can handle wet or dirty cargo and clean up like a champ. Nissan has kept the Xterra true to its original

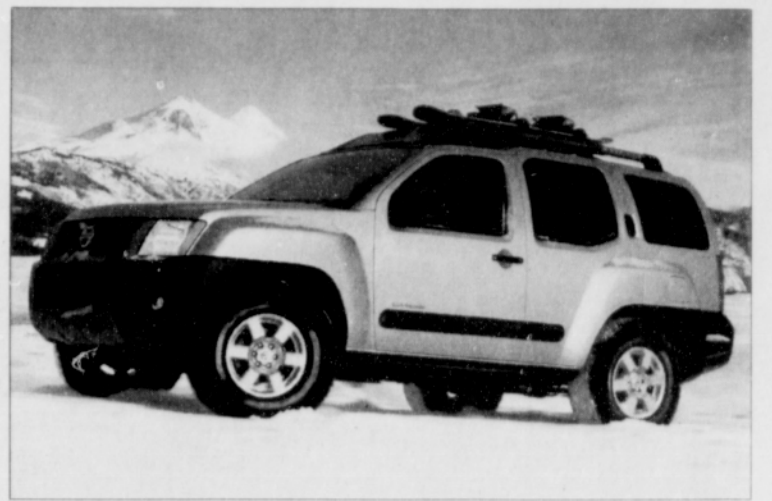
concept, for all your rugged off-road adventures with everything you need and nothing you don't. The Xterra is substantial, sophisticated and refined but it's not a 'mommy-mobile' masquerading as a rugged SUV for outdoors types. It is in fact a rugged SUV for outdoors types! After all, the Xterra is no poser.

The 2007 Xterra inherited many well-engineered capabilities from the Nissan family tree: the fully boxed ladder frame from the Titan and the Armada. The power comes via a 4.0-liter version of Nissan's acclaimed VQ V6 used in the 350Z. The Xterra shares Nissan's F-Alpha platform, which underpins the full-size Titan pickup and the Armada SUV. As a result the Xterra is an exceptionally capable off-road vehicle, with attitude. The Nissan

Xterra is an excellent choice for outdoor adventurers. The Xterra cruises well on the highway and handles curves like a thoroughbred. On the open road the 4.0-liter V6, has some guts in the midrange, offering very good throttle response, and accelerates well coming out of a corner.

The Xterra OR (Off-Road), available in 4WD only for 2007, adds exclusive off-road features such as electronic Hill Assist and Hill Descent Control, which allows going down steep, slippery hills without constantly applying the brakes. These sophisticated electronics are designed to maintain traction and stability on any terrain. All 4WD Xterra models feature a locking rear differential; gas-pressurized Bilstein shock absorbers; skid plates; and BF Goodrich Rugged

Trail/T/A tires. This utility package comes as a standard bundle on the Xterra OR, except for the step rails, which could impede Xtreme rock climbing. The Off-Road model was designed specifically for Xtreme situations, because adventurous out-of-the-way places are often subject to changes in weather and circumstance. All it takes is a little rain, snow or falling rock to create a major challenge for the posers. The Xterra OR gracefully conquers Xtreme situations with a well-equipped arsenal: a truck-tough transfer case with low range electronic control, a solid rear axle, a rugged chassis, rack-and-pinion steering and speed-sensitive steering assist, Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC), four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock (ABS), Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD) and



2007 NISSAN XTERRA OR-V6 4X4
Engine: 4.0-liter V6, 261-Hp/281-lbs. Torque
Transmission: 5-Speed Automatic-Shift-On-The-Fly 4WD System
MPG: 16-City/21-Highway
MSRP: \$29900.

a built-in emergency kit. There is even an adjustable channel system on the cargo floor to secure bike racks.

There is nothing else quite like the Nissan Xterra. It's in its element when used with Xtreme attitude as a back-road-prowling-rock-climb-

ing-thrill-seeking means to an adventure vehicle. The rugged bones Xterra almost demands youthful, outdoor adventure of the kind that Generation-Y so loves to spell "Xtreme". Triumphant, the 2007 Nissan Xterra confidently responds with Xtreme Xcitement!

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #07-01 RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) seeks proposals from non-profit organizations and public agencies to provide Short Term Rent Assistance to households that are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Multnomah County. Short Term Rent Assistance (STRA) includes Safety Off the Street Services (motel vouchers), eviction prevention assistance, and homeless placement services. Services must be 24 months or less in duration.

This procurement is funded by the City of Portland, City of Gresham, Multnomah County, and HAP, and includes local funds, as well as funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Emergency Food and Shelter Funds, and the State of Oregon.

Proposals must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2007, at the location below.**

Copies of the solicitation package can be downloaded by accessing the following web site:

<http://www.hapdx.org/Business/solicitations.html>

or, can be picked up at the Housing Authority of Portland office at the address below. **Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** Proposers who download a copy of the RFP should fax in the registration form provided in order to be added to the plan holders' list and receive any addenda.

Two pre-proposal conferences have been scheduled and it is **mandatory** that prospective proposers attend one of the meetings. Proposals will only be considered from those entities that have a representative signed in and in attendance at one of the following conferences:

January 10, 2007, 10:00am - 12:00pm, or January 12, 2007, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

NE Police Precinct Community Room - 449 NE Emerson, 97211
The solicitation pick-up location, submittal location, and destination address for all communications is:

Jerry Walker, Purchasing Manager
Housing Authority of Portland
135 SW Ash St., Fifth Floor
Portland, OR 97204
Jerryw2@hapdx.org
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SUB BIDS REQUESTED

South Waterfront Block 38

Bid Package #6 - Finishes

Pre-Bid Meeting: **January 12, 2007 at 9:30am**

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Bid Documents - **Willamette Print & Blueprint (503/223-5011)**
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Approx hourly salary: \$12.20 at entry to \$16.87 after 6 months. The City of Portland is recruiting qualified candidates for limited term Police Desk Clerks, who provide a variety of support services to officers on the street and in precincts. See complete job announcement for requirements and application at www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2007. City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Approx hourly salary: \$22.30 at entry, to \$24.23 after 6 months.

The City of Portland is recruiting qualified candidates for Carpenter, responsible for performing highly skilled work at the journey level in a variety of construction, renovation and maintenance jobs. Currently filling vacancies in Portland Parks and Recreation (finish carpentry), Bureau of Maintenance (rough carpentry), and the Portland Water Bureau (both). See complete job announcement for requirements and application at www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2007. City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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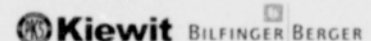
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City of Portland EAST SIDE CSO TUNNEL PROJECT



Bid Package 5516-091 Geotechnical Instrumentation Installation

Subcontractor Information Form Due: **January 17, 2007**

Procurement consists of installing geotechnical instrumentation for the Portland East Side CSO Tunnel Project. The scope of work consists of furnishing and installing settlement casings, combined inclinometer/piezometers, and inclinometers. Instruments are 6" in diameter and will be installed to an average depth of 85 VF. Scope also includes installing 1" utility monitoring points, surface settlement markers, and bridge settlement markers.

This Procurement is anticipated to begin in Early March and finish in September 2007.

In order to receive a Bid Package for this work, prospective Bidders are required to complete the "Subcontractor Information Form - 5516-091" located on the KBB website: www.kbbescso.com.

This procurement will bid in mid February 2007

All questions to be directed to:

Jennifer Gagner, Procurement Manager
Phone: 503-290-7042 Fax: 503-233-8977
e-mail: jennifer@groupagb.com

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