BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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Bill Berry, first director of the Portland Urban League, meets with a Rose Festival princess in 1946.

Fighting for Justice

Urban League takes on segregation and disparities

was established in 1945 during rants. Downtown hotels still a time of racial strain between refused to serve blacks, and Portland's black and white the Portland Real Estate Board communities.

20,000 residents. Despite war-income and white-collar jobs. time fair-employment laws, relations with a legacy of antination in state and local unions and through employment laws income jobs.

Portland's first black physician, rights agenda, discrimination in Dr. DeNorval Unthank, the housing standards is illegal, and National Urban League, with blacks hold careers at all levels its hub in New York City, of the economic spectrum. opened a Portland Chapter in April 1945. Shortly thereafter, disparity between predomi-Edwin C. "Bill" Berry was nantly white and predominantly named the Portland Chapter's black neighborhoods and

first director. and the newly established Ur- remains committed to addressban League were many: Port- ing these and other issues with landremained a segregated city a focus on improving education where "White Trade Only" signs were frequently posted in among African Americans.

The Portland Urban League business windows and restaumandated agents not sell to in-Beginning in 1941, blacks dividuals whose race would "be began streaming to the city to determined to lower property join the wartime industrial values in that neighborhood." workforce. Between 1941 and The job market remained 1943, Portland's black popu- staunchly opposed to admitlation grew from 2,000 to over ting blacks into most middle-

Under Berry's leadership, the Portland, and Oregon, retained Urban League took aim at the their reputation for hostile race job market, then at housing, education, and even racial disblack legislation and discrimitorion and discrimination in the news media.

Since its inception, the Portthat limited the ability for blacks land Urban League and Portto secure middle- and higher- land race relations have changed greatly. Segregation Under the leadership of nolongerdominates the civil-

At the same time, economic schools still afflict the city and The challenges facing Berry its residents. The Urban League and economic self-sufficiency

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Multnomah County

The Department of Community Justice is currently accepting applications for the following

Mental Health Consultant, #6365-46

The Juvenile Services Division is seeking a part-time Mental Health Consultant who is bilingual in Spanish and English. Duties include, specialized bilingual clinical assessment, treatment planning, consultation, clinical intervention, family therapy, crisis therapeutic intervention, structure, transition services, collaboration with other providers and agencies for Spanishlanguage youth 12-18 years old and their families in the Juvenile Justice system.

Probation/Parole Officer, #6276-12 as an operational lead to their Probation/Parole Officers provide counseling, case management, supervision, and sanctioning of adult clients on formal probation Officers use and parole. motivational interviewing and motivational techniques designed to produce positive change in individuals. Applicants bilingual in English and Spanish are encouraged to apply.

For more information about these positions, including application materials, please visit our website at www.multcojobs.org or call 503-988-5035. The deadline to apply for these recruitments is February 29, 2008.

Multnomah County is actively recruiting persons from diverse backgrounds to enhance service delivery to our diverse community. Our commitment to exceptional customer service relies upon a team-oriented workplace and a continuous quality improvement environment. Opportunity Employer.

Position: City of Portland **Community Police Officer** Approximate Monthly Salary: \$3,415 - \$5,595 Closes: 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 22, 2008

The City of Portland Community Police Officer works with all citizens to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property and promote individual responsibility and community commitment. Officers work various shifts and geographical areas as assigned and complete an 18-month probationary period. Please see complete application at www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs or contact Jarvez Hall, Sr. Human Resources Analyst at 503-823-5738 to have an application mailed to you. Applications will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008. The City of Portland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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seeking a

Deputy Chief Information OF OREGON Officer to serve

Deputy CIO

The University

of Oregon is

Information Services unit and head their Systems and Operations groups. Bachelors degree is required, graduate degree preferred. 7 years experience within information technology and demonstrated ability to lead operations required. 5 years management experience in a university environment preferred. Candidates with experience serving the needs of diverse populations are strongly desired. See complete posting 8032 at http://hr.uoregon.edu/ jobs/for qualifications and application instructions. Excellent salary and benefits package. AA/ EEO/ADA institution committed to cultural diversity.

Portland State University Student Affairs

Position Announcement -Psychologist

The Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) at Portland State University invites applications for a clinical position as a **Psychologist in Counseling and** Psychological Services (CAPS). This is a permanent, FT, 12-month position.

For complete job description, minimum qualifications, and how to apply go to:

http://www.hrc.pdx.edu/ openings/unclassified/index.htm

Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications.

Review of applications will begin March 1, 2008, and will continue until finalists are identified.

Correspondence will be conducted primarily by e-mail. PSU is an AA/ EO institution and, in keeping with the President's diversity welcomes initiative. applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity. We are located in downtown Portland, Oregon's most diverse community, and seek to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student population through our curriculum, research, and community service activities. We are a public institution enrolling almost 25,000 students, with about 23% ethnic minorities.

NOTICE OF DEATH OF LYDIA E. CHITWOOD

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of LYDIA E. CHITWOOD, who was a part-time resident of Multnomah County, State of Oregon, and Santa Clara County, State of California, and died on August 19, 2007 in Portland, Oregon.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim within four months from the date of first publication with the DERMER LAW FIRM, 15720 Winchester Boulevard, Suite 1, Los Gatos, California 95030 (408) 395-5111.

> Martin D. Dermer, Esq. **DERMER LAWFIRM** 15720 Winchester Blvd Ste 1 Los Gatos CA 95030 Tel(408)395-5111 Fax (408) 354-2797

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www.portlandonline.com/omf/purchasing



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CLARK COLLEGE

Clark College seeks a permanent, part-time (75%) Early Childhood Specialist 3 to support its childhood education evening program, Monday - Friday 3 - 9 p.m. Closing date is 5 p.m., February 27, 2008. Salary is \$2,050.50/month (75% of \$2,734). For complete position description or to apply, access our web site at www.clark.edu/jobs or contact Clark College Human Resources, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98663 (360) 992-2105 [Hearing impaired (360) 992-2317] AA/EEO employer.

Portland Development Commission The Urban Renewal Agency for the City of Portland, Oregon

Portland is internationally recognized for its quality of life, distinctive neighborhoods, and robust transit system. Playing a key role in keeping Portland, Oregon, one of America's most livable cities is the Portland Development Commission's mission. PDC is the City's urban renewal agency, charged with bringing together resources to achieve Portland's vision. We're currently looking for qualified individuals to complement our workforce for the following positions:

Law Clerk Programmer Analyst I Senior Housing Manager - Housing Planning & Development **Economic Development Manager - Bioscience and Hi-Tech Clusters**

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Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

Apply online at www.pdc.us/jobs Portland Development Commission, 222 NW 5th Ave., Portland, OR 97209 Jobline: 503.823.3463



OUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 02/08 - 30

Legal Services related to Bond Issuance, Tax Credits and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Financing

Proposals are requested from qualified professional consultants for the provision of legal services associated with bond issuance, tax credit financing and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financed public housing projects. The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) will accept Proposals until 2:00 PM, March 3, 2008 at HAP's Purchasing Department located at 135 SW Ash Street, 5th Floor, Portland, Oregon 97204. Proposals should be clearly marked with the respondent's name and address and the RFP title and number.

The Housing Authority of Portland expects to commence the development of several public or affordable housing projects over the course of the next five years. Financing strategies for these projects will vary but will likely include mixed-financing models, tax-exempt bonds and low-income housing and New Market tax credits as primary funding sources. HAP intends to select one or more qualified professional firms to perform specialized legal services related to the mixed financing models of such development projects undertaken by HAP thought out the year

Hard copies of the Request for Proposals will be available beginning Thursday, February 14, 2008 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM at HAP's Purchasing Department located at 135 SW Ash Street, 5th Floor, Portland, Oregon 97204. Electronic copies are available on the HAP web site:

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

Proposers who download a copy of the RFP should review the document and submit the "Required Registration Form" located on the website listed above to Purchasing (503-802-8496) in order to be added to the RFP Planholders list and receive addenda.

HAP has established a goal of 20% participation by disadvantaged. minority-owned, woman-owned and emerging small businesses on this project and encourages proposals from interested D/M/ W/ESB firms.

RFP Contact:

Jerry Walker 503.802.8533 Jerryw2@hapdx.org HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND

The Housing Authority of Portland is a public corporation serving all Multnomah County. HAP provides housing and housing-related services to those who face barriers due to income or disability. HAP's housing and rent assistance programs serve 33,000 residents throughout the county. A citizen commission, with volunteer members recommended by the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, and Multnomah County, and approved by the Portland City Council, governs HAP.

The Housing Authority is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and strongly encourages minority-owned and womenowned businesses and emerging small businesses to submit proposals or to participate as subcontractors and suppliers on this and all HAP contracts.