



The terminal at Portland International Airport. The airport is part of the Port of Portland, a local government agency recognized for support of minority business.

Port Named Agency of the Year

For supporting minority contractors

The National Association of Minority Contractors-Oregon has named the Port of Portland Agency of the Year for its support of minority businesses.

The Port was recognized along with Legacy Health System, Private Project of the Year; Hamilton Construction, Contractor of the Year; and Pacificmark Construction, Minority Contractor of the Year.

"Our members felt that the Port had tremendous growth working with minority businesses over the past few years with the headquarters and parking garage, the baggage screening system and other projects," said Faye Burch, NAMC Oregon Vice President. "We are pleased that our members are sharing in that growth."

The Port is currently in the midst of one of the largest capital expenditure programs of its history with more than \$500 million in construction projects underway. Projects include an expansion of the north runway, a new baggage screening system an expansion of the airfield de-icing system and a new long term parking garage and headquarters building.

A key focus for the Port during the construction has been to increase opportunity for small and minority businesses to work on the

projects. To date all projects have either met or exceeded their goals. With 98 percent of the work bid to date on the parking garage and headquarters, overall small business utilization has been 23.2 percent with contracts totaling more than \$44.3 million let with small businesses. The utilization goal set at the outset of the project was 8.9 percent.

The north runway expansion project had a goal of nine percent small business participation at the outset of the project and the accomplishment to date is 17.92 percent or \$8.1 million in contracts. With all of the work bid to date on the baggage screening system, overall small business utilization has been 7.3 percent and contracts totaling \$8.1 million, significantly higher than the 4.6 percent goal. On the de-icing project more than \$2.8 million in contracts has been awarded to small businesses or about 5.75 percent.

NAMC Oregon award recipient Mark Mathews of Pacificmark Construction was a graduate of the Port's Mentor Protégé Program which helps build effective working relationships between leaders of mature, established companies and emerging minority- and women-owned companies in order for the latter to benefit from the knowledge and experience of the established firms.

Minority Input Mandated

The Portland City Council has voted to mandate that a person of color be included on evaluation panels that offer public contracts.

Prominent African Americans testified in support of the resolution, calling it historic, the first of its

kind in the country and years overdue.

The minority representative will be vetted by the Alliance of Minority Chambers who will provide regular updates to the council on its meetings and selection process.

The program was recently expanded beyond construction and professional services to include communications, diversity outreach and landscape architecture protégés.

To find out more about the Port's small business development programs go to portofportland.com.



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