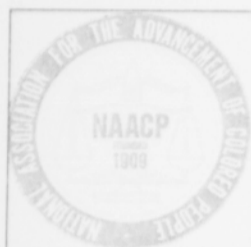


Bond Work for Minority Contractors

PCC expansion boosts local employment

A Portland Community College Small Businesses firms. In Line Commercial Construction, based in Aloha, remodeled 4,000 square feet of Student Services



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Dave Flint (right), the founder and president of In Line Commercial Construction, a local minority-owned business, leads his team on a remodeling job at Portland Community College in north Portland. He is joined by his senior project manager Todd Duwe (far left) and senior vice president Jeff Stanton.

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Building's third floor on the Cascade Campus in north Portland, providing PCC with renovated office space for staff and faculty to help accommodate the school's 20 percent growth in enrollment.

The space, frees up other rooms on campus for classrooms.

In this early stage of PCC's property tax bond levy for the expansion of facilities district wide, the college has utilized 41 MWESB contractors.

Founded in 1983 by Dave Flint, who is Japanese American, In Line today consists of about 50 employees and is rated as the largest minority-owned business in Oregon, working on 250 to 300 projects every year.

"Through the 28 years since we were founded we have brought on some great people; are continuing to grow the company and the client base we work with," Flint said. "As a minority company, there are responsibilities that go with that. One is you want to perform at the very highest level. We are competitive with the best because we provide an outstanding service for our clients, not because we are minority-owned."

Jeff Stanton, In Line's senior vice president, added that

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