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Port of Portland Commissioner Named

The Oregon Senate has confirmed Gov. John Kitzhaber's appointment of Linda M. Pearce, chief financial officer of Nautilus, Inc., to the Port of Portland Commission.

Pearce, a Lake Oswego resident, will fill the Clackamas County seat on the commission.

Before joining Nautilus in August, Pearce served as executive vice president and chief financial officer for Warn Industries and served as the interim president of Warn from May 2010 to January 2011. In prior positions she served as controller and director of information technology at



Linda M. Pearce

Gardenburger, as division cost accounting manager at Blount International, and as accounting and operations manager at Lindsay Forest Products.

"Linda's extensive management experience, her strong background in finance, imports and exports, and her demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship make her an excellent fit for the Port Commission," said Gov. Kitzhaber. "As the Port continues in its statewide mission to promote

and passenger access to regional, national and international markets, Linda will provide valuable insight into the needs of Oregon businesses and the community."

"As a business leader, I understand and appreciate the im-

portance of trade to our regional and state economy," said Pearce. "As an Oregon native, I have a strong desire to enhance our quality of life."

Pearce received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Oregon and dual Bachelor of Science degrees from Portland State University. She is also a Certified Management Accountant. In 2011 she was recognized as one of the Top 25 Influential Women in Oregon.

Being 'Bondable'

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and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, the Surety and Fidelity Association of America, and a host of local stakeholders, consists of educational workshops and bond readiness sessions.

The educational component offers an introductory session and five comprehensive workshops, each providing information related to improving a small contractor's operations - with a goal of making it easier to be bonded or to increase bonding capacity. A final workshop focuses on networking and next steps.

The bond readiness component consists of one-on-one interactions with surety bond producers, underwriters and other professionals who work with the contractors on a case-by-case basis in assembling the materials necessary for a complete bond application and in addressing any omissions and/or deficiencies that might deter the successful underwriting of a bond.

Businesses with no bonding and those who want to increase bonding capacity may be interested in this program. Businesses can apply at the Bonding Education Program event website, [bep.eventbrite.com](http://bep.eventbrite.com).