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# Startup Biz Grant Challenge

## Building diversity into the economy

Startup businesses looking to grow their business may want to apply for the Portland Development Commission's Startup PDX Challenge competition this year.

Up to six startup ventures will receive a \$15,000 working capital

grant, a full year of rent-free office space in the New Market Theater building at 115 S.W. Ash St., free professional advice and services, and free access to entrepreneurial organizations and programs for a year.

Applications began on Tuesday. The PDC is placing special emphasis on businesses which are diverse in terms of gender, race, and other demographics typically underrepresented in the business

world.

"PDC is dedicated to growing the next generation of diverse leadership in our innovation economy," said Patrick Quinton, PDC executive director. "The success of underrepresented minority and women entrepreneurs will help Portland remain competitive in the global economy."

Those interested in applying should visit [doodle.com/4h3trkkbca7r5crb](http://doodle.com/4h3trkkbca7r5crb).



## Postal Contract Draws Protest

A pilot contract for post office services at Staples draws a protest Sunday to the store at Cascade Station in northeast Portland. Chanting 'the U.S. Mail is not for sale,' the demonstrators argued that privately-run post offices in Staples stores jeopardize the viability of public post offices, mail security, and thousands of good jobs at living wages.

## The Week in Review

### More Jobs in Metro Area

Oregon Employment Department reported an estimated 4,200 more jobs in the Portland metro-area for the month of April. A geographic area that includes Multnomah County saw the unemployment rate fall from 6.4 percent to 6.3 percent, about a half-point lower than the state-wide average, officials said.

### TrMet Impasse on Labor Deal

TriMet declared an impasse last week in contract negotiations with the union that represents more than 2,000 of its workers. The transit agency said it took the action because 37 days of contract negotiations and two mediation sessions have produced no progress on the key issues of wages and health care costs. The declaration moves the parties closer to binding arbitration.

### Man Tased, Taken into Custody

As many as 15 police cars responded to the 9500 block of North Van Houten Avenue Friday afternoon when a man became highly upset about some children being taken into custody by the Department of Human Services. Police officers said they had to taser the man and take him into custody. The children were not harmed.

### Stolen Sellwood Art Recovered

Authorities said nearly \$4,000 in art from the Love Art! Gallery in Sellwood was recovered after the alleged

thieves were found selling the pieces in Gresham this week. The pieces included stepping stones and cement benches/

### New NAACP President Selected



On the 60th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling deeming the separation of black and white children in schools as unconstitutional, the NAACP announced their new president as Cornell William Brooks. The 53-year-old New Jersey native is a graduate of Yale Law School. He serves as the civil rights organization's 18th national president.

### Hundreds Killed in Coal Mine

As many as 301 coal miners died following an explosion and fire at a coal mine in Soma, Turkey, officials said. Another 450 miners were rescued. Last week's blast marks the worst mining incident in Turkey history. Four people have been arrested in connection with the explosion.

