

'Lettuce Grow' Brings Gardening Classes to Prisons

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In seven state prisons, one job assignment has become an especially sought-after assignment. At one prison, you have to be all but a lifer to get on the team.

The prison garden, according to a number of program administrators around the state, has

become a way for inmates to learn new skills, cooperate on a project and help feed themselves and their communities.

While there haven't been any studies completed on the effect the program has on recidivism or aggression, administrators say they see a difference in the attitudes of the inmate gardeners.

"It's been very positive," says Dale Ahlstrom, physi-

cal plant manager.

For the last two years, the Lettuce Grow program has been a driving force behind seven prison gardens in the stat.. In addition to finding donated seeds, soil amend-

ments, and volunteers, program founder Sarah Patterson helped bring in a

University Master Gardener class to each of the facilities.

More than 60 percent of the produce from gardens is

used in the prison cafeteria. The rest is donated to the Food Bank and Feed the Hungry program.



Job Opportunities

We are seeking qualified candidates to be part of our dynamic public service organization.

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SAFETY COORDINATOR
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Human Resources
1300 Franklin St, 5th Flr
Vancouver WA

Apply On-line @
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FACILITIES MANAGER

Central City Concern (CCC), a non-profit agency serving individuals and families in the Portland metro area who are impacted by homelessness, poverty and addictions, is seeking a Facilities Manager to oversee a diverse portfolio of affordable housing and healthcare facilities. Ideal candidates will have recently worked as a Facilities Manager, Lead Maintenance Tech, or similar role with direct experience in facility maintenance and/or property management. CCC employs a team-based management approach and offers a supportive and dynamic work environment. CCC offers a competitive package of benefits including health, dental, and retirement. To learn more and to apply please visit www.centralcityconcern.org. EOE.

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Mental Health

RESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR

St. Mary's Home for Boys has a full-time position available. See our website for details: www.stmaryshomeforboys.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

C-TRAN hereby announces its 2012-2014 goal of 4.54 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation in federally funded contracts.

A description of how this goal was established will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for 30 days from the date of this notice at C-TRAN, 2425 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98661.

C-TRAN will accept informational comments for 45 days from the date of this notice. Address comments to:

Laura Park, Procurement Coordinator,
C-TRAN,
PO Box 2529,
Vancouver, Washington 98668

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will also accept informational comments for 45 days from the date of this notice.

Send comments to: FTA, Region 10,
915 Second Avenue, Suite 3142,
Seattle, Washington 98174

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

OWNER: CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON

ADDRESS: CITY HALL, 1701 'C' STREET,
WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON 98671

Separate sealed bids for the **W STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS** project consisting of:

Approximately 2,800-lf of 12-inch, 8-inch and 6-inch diameter ductile iron waterline including a creek crossing, two (2) pressure reducing valve stations and appurtenant items.

will be received by:
CITY OF WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON
at the office of: CITY HALL, 1701 'C' STREET,
WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON
until 2:00 P.M. on July 14, 2011

and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Wallis Engineering, 215 W.

4th Street, Suite 200, Vancouver, Washington 98660, Telephone: (360) 695-7041 upon payment of a fee of \$45 per set if picked up in person or \$55 per set if mailing or delivery is requested. Informational copies of maps, plans, and specifications are on file for inspection in the office of the Engineer, Vancouver, Washington.

This project will require enrollment and participation in the "E-Verify" program through the Department of Homeland Security. "E-Verify" enrollment will apply to both the successful contractor and their respective subcontractors.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Washougal. No bid will be considered unless fully completed in the manner provided in the "Instruction to Bidders" upon the bid form provided by the Engineer.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informalities. No bidder may withdraw or modify his bid after the hour set for the opening and thereafter until the lapse of forty-five (45) days from the bid opening.

Attention is called to the minimum wages as set forth in the contract documents.

The City of Washougal in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals ("Bid") for the JUANITA POHL CENTER ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT will be received by the City of Tualatin (County of Washington, State of Oregon) until the 21st day of July, 2011 at 2:00 pm, local time ("Bid Closing") at 18880 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin Oregon 97062. Paul Hennon is the person designated to receive bids. Bids will not be received after such date and time.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud ("Bid Opening") immediately following the bid closing deadline.

The First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure form will be received at the location given for the receipt of the bid until 4:00 pm, July 21, 2011. Instructions for providing the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure and the required disclosure form are included in the Contract Documents. The disclosure form shall be submitted no later than two working hours, including lunch hours, after the Bid Closing. THE CITY WILL REJECT A BID IF THE BIDDER FAILS TO SUBMIT THE DISCLOSURE FORM WITH THIS INFORMATION BY THE STATED DEADLINE.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: a **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at 2:00 pm on the 30th day of June, 2011, at the Juanita Pohl Center, 8513 SW Tualatin Road, Tualatin, inside Tualatin Community Park. Statements made by the City's representatives at the conference are not binding upon the City unless confirmed by written addenda.

IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT: Major items of work consist of include materials, products, equipment, labor, services and incidentals necessary for selective demolition and renovations to portions of the existing senior center, to include but not limited to the addition to existing dining and activity spaces, kitchen alterations, entry renovation, installation of new lighting and the installation of a new grease interceptor, and related work.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined for no charge and purchased

online at www.wpbinc.com upon payment of \$125.00 to cover the document fee and postage/handling. A copy of said documents may also be obtained from Willamette Print & Blueprint Company, Inc. at 3461 NW Yeon Ave., Portland. Return of the documents is not required and the amount paid for the documents is non-refundable.

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIRED: Bidders must be prequalified with the City of Tualatin in compliance with Chapters 279A and 279C of the Oregon Revised Statutes. Prequalification applications shall be filed with the City of Tualatin, Attention Paul Hennon, Community Services Director, no later than seven days (7) prior to the Bid Opening.

OTHER BID REQUIREMENTS:

This contract and the work it will carry out is being funded in whole or in part with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Washington County Office of Community Development CDBG program. Davis-Bacon federal prevailing wages will apply, Section 3 requirements will apply, and MBE/WBE subcontractors are encouraged to apply.

No proposal for a construction contract shall be received or considered by the City unless the firm is registered with the Construction Contractors Board or is licensed by the State Landscape Contractors Board, as applicable, as specified in OAR 137-049-0230.

Proposals must be made upon the Proposal form bound in the Contract Documents and must be accompanied by a certified check or proposal bond payable to the City of Tualatin (County of Washington, State of Oregon) in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid.

This is a contract for a public work, subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. No bid will be received or considered unless the bid contains a statement by the Bidder as part of the bid as follows: "Contractor agrees to be bound by and will comply with the provisions of ORS 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. §276a." The state prevailing wage rates as of June 23, 2011 as published by the

Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries are incorporated by reference.

The bid must indicate whether the contractor is a resident contractor, as defined in ORS 279A.120.

Notice is hereby given that the work site contains permit-required confined spaces and that permit space entry is allowed only through compliance with a permit space program meeting the requirements of OAR Chapter 437 – Department of Insurance and Finance, 1919.146 Permit-Required Confined Spaces and/or the requirements of OAR 437, Division 3 Construction, whichever applies. Permit spaces on the work site may consist of, but not be limited to, manholes and trenches. The contractor shall provide written documentation, after award, regarding the permit space program the contractor will follow.

The contractor and subcontractors are not required to be licensed under ORS 468.883 for asbestos abatement.

The Bidder will declare by signing of the Proposal that the Bidder has not discriminated and will not discriminate against minority, women, or emerging small business enterprises in obtaining any required subcontracts. Failure to do so shall be grounds for disqualification.

RIGHT OF REJECTION: The City of Tualatin reserves the right to reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause any or all bids upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. Bids cannot be withdrawn within forty-five days (45) after the Bid Closing.

WRITTEN ADDENDA: The City reserves the right to make changes to the Invitation to Bid and the Contract Documents by written addenda prior to the Bid Closing. Addenda shall be made available to all contractors who have purchased a copy of the Contract Documents, as provided in the Contract Documents.

For additional information, contact Paul Hennon at 503.691.3060.

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