



## Attention Small Business Owners

The Oregon Department of Transportation invites all interested parties to a public hearing on amendments to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program waiver that allows ODOT to set race-conscious contract goals for specific groups identified as having a significant contracting disparity. ODOT is requesting amendments to the waiver from the U.S. Department of Transportation based on the following 2011 Disparity Study Update findings:

- Asian Pacific American-owned DBE firms were shown to have increased their share of contracts sufficiently to no longer need race-conscious goals on construction or architectural and related services contracts.
- Black American and Subcontinent Asian American DBE firms still have significant disparities in construction contracting, demonstrating continuing need for race-conscious goals on construction contracts.
- Black American, Subcontinent American, Hispanic American, Native American and non-minority women-owned DBE firms all have significant disparities in Architecture, Engineering and related service contracting, demonstrating a need to set race-conscious goals on A&E and related services contracts.

<b>Portland</b>	<b>Salem</b>
<b>Thursday, April 26, 2012</b>	<b>Monday, April 30, 2012</b>
<b>2 p.m. to 4 p.m.</b>	<b>2 p.m. to 4 p.m.</b>
ODOT Region 1 Headquarters 123 NW Flanders Portland, OR 97209 Conference Rooms A & B	ODOT Technical Services 4040 Fairview Industrial Dr SE Salem, OR 97302 Black Diamond Room

We will review these waiver request changes and hear comments from the public.

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. To request an accommodation, please call (503) 986-4350 or statewide relay, 7-1-1.

For more information, contact the ODOT Office of Civil Rights at 503-986-4350.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### METRO PARKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Supplying Steel Drums RFB 12-2101

The Parks and Environmental Services Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting sealed bids for supplying new or reconditioned 55-gallon steel drums.

Bids are due no later than 2:00 p.m., May 1, 2012, in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, Attention: Karen Slusarenko, RFB 12-2101. First Tier Subcontractor and Good Faith Effort forms are due from all bidders within two (2) hours of the bid due time or the bid will be considered non-responsive.

The contract contemplated consists of furnishing an estimated 6,000 open top 55-gallon steel drums and 1,700 tight-head 55-gallon steel drums, to be used for bulking and lab packing hazardous materials received, processed for disposal, and recycled through two permanent facilities and miscellaneous satellite activities.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes which clearly identify the item(s) as stated in the RFB. Bidding documents, (including plans and specifications depicting the work) may be viewed on Metro's website at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov> under "Doing Business With," then "Requests for Bids and Proposal."

All bidders submitting a bid for public improvements over \$50,000 certify that they will pay and comply with the minimum prevailing wage requirements of ORS 279C.800-279C.870 and if applicable 40 U.S.C.276a.

Metro may accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

Metro extends equal opportunity to all persons and specifically encourages minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses to access and participate in this and all Metro projects, programs and services. Metro Code provisions 2.04.100 and 200 require all Bidders to follow and document a specific good faith outreach effort to State-certified Minority, Emerging and Women-owned Businesses. Certification of good faith compliance and a declaration of any actual utilization pursuant to both programs are required at the time of Bid Opening.

Metro and its contractors will not discriminate against any person(s), employee or applicant for employment based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical handicap, political affiliation or marital status. Metro fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, see [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov).

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## Jobs

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and connections to the labor market, otherwise college debt will grow."

By region, the Mountain West was most likely to have young college graduates jobless or underemployed - roughly 3 in 5. It was followed by the more rural southeastern U.S., including Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee. The Pacific region, including Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, also was high on the list.

On the other end of the scale, the southern U.S., anchored by Texas, was most likely to have young college graduates in higher-skill jobs.

The figures are based on an analysis of 2011 Current Population Survey data by Northeastern University researchers and supplemented with material from Paul Harrington, an economist at Drexel University, and the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank. They rely on Labor Department assessments of the level of education required to do the job in 900-plus U.S. occupations, which were used to calculate the shares of young adults with bachelor's degrees who were "underemployed."

About 1.5 million, or 53.6 percent, of bachelor's degree-holders under the age of 25 last year were jobless or underemployed, the highest share in at least 11 years. In 2000, the share was at a low of 41 percent, before the dot-com bust erased job gains for college graduates in the telecommunications and IT fields.

Out of the 1.5 million who languished in the job market, about half were underemployed, an increase from the previous year.

Broken down by occupation, young college graduates were heavily represented in jobs that require a high school diploma or less.

In the last year, they were more likely to be employed as waiters, waitresses, bartenders and food-service helpers than as engineers, physicists, chemists and mathematicians combined (100,000 versus 90,000). There were more working in office-related jobs such as receptionist or payroll clerk than in all computer professional

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jobs (163,000 versus 100,000). More also were employed as cashiers, retail clerks and customer representatives than engineers (125,000 versus 80,000).

According to government projections released last month, only three of the 30 occupations with the largest projected number of job openings by 2020 will require a bachelor's degree or higher to fill the position - teachers, college professors and accountants. Most job openings are in professions such as retail sales, fast food and truck driving, jobs which aren't easily replaced by computers.

College graduates who majored in zoology, anthropology, philosophy, art history and humanities were among the least likely to find jobs appropriate to their education level; those with nursing, teaching, accounting or computer science degrees were among the most likely.

In Nevada, where unemployment is the highest in the nation, Class of 2012 college seniors recently expressed feelings ranging from anxiety and fear to cautious optimism about what lies ahead.

With the state's economy languishing in an extended housing bust, a lot of young graduates have shown up at job placement centers in tears. Many have been squeezed out of jobs by more experienced workers, job counselors said, and are now having to explain to prospective employers the time gaps in their resumes.

"It's kind of scary," said Cameron Bawden, 22, who is

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The Parks and Environmental Services Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting bids for Electric Utility Carts and Vehicles purchases for the Metro and Metro facilities.

Bids are due no later than 2:00 p.m., May 3, 2012, in Metro's business offices at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, Attention: Karen Slusarenko, RFB 12-2098. First Tier Subcontractor and Good Faith Effort forms are due from all bidders within two (2) hours of the bid due time or the bid will be considered non-responsive.

The contract contemplated consists of the purchase of electric carts and vehicles. Metro intends to purchase a minimum of four (4) vehicles with the option to purchase additional vehicles at a later date.

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## CONSTRUCTION KICKOFF EVENT

### PCC Rock Creek Bond Projects



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Date: May 8th, 2012 /  
Time: 8:30am - 10:30am

Location: PCC Rock Creek Campus,  
Building 9 Event Center

Map: <http://www.pcc.edu/about/locations/map/#rc>

The session - led by Campus President David Rule - will take place in the Building 9 Event Center and will focus on bond-funded improvement projects for the Rock Creek Campus. This will also be an M/W/ESB workshop to discuss specific opportunities. The agenda will include a bond program overview and Rock Creek projects overview. CM/GC partners: Fortis Construction, Northwest Infrastructure, and Faison Construction will discuss project timelines and opportunities for participation as well as projects slated for summer construction starts.

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