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they're appointed. If public defenders have to take fewer cases due to staffing cuts that work will fall to the private lawyers — who cost substantially more than full-time federal defenders, studies have shown.

"There are no actual savings here," said Tom Hillier, the chief federal public defender in Seattle. "Sooner or later Congress is going to have to come to grips with the fact that they're destroy-

Pricier private attorneys are expected to step in to fill the void at government expense

ing institutions, and they're not saving money."

Under this year's cuts, some public defenders lost their jobs and the rest are taking up to 20 days of unpaid leave. The federal public defender's office in Los Angeles is simply closing for three weeks in September. The chief federal defender in southern Ohio laid himself off.

In New York, the trial of Osama bin Laden's son-in-law was delayed

because the public defenders who were representing him had to take furloughs, and in Boston, the lawyers for the surviving marathon bombing suspect have had to do it amid unpaid time off.

When staffing cuts force public defenders to ask for delays in cases or withdraw from cases altogether, it means defendants have to spend more time in pretrial custody — increasing jail costs and raising concerns about the right to a speedy trial, the defenders' memo noted. The offices have also cut spending on training, travel, expert witnesses and case investigators — all of which can affect the quality of representation for poor defendants and give rise to appeals.

The cuts being required next year are even starker.

— In Seattle, Hillier said he will have to lay off nine employees or his entire office will have to take more than nine weeks of unpaid time off.

— In San Francisco, Federal Public Defender Steven Kalar said he will have to close at least one branch office — possibly Oakland, San Jose, or both — and stop working on certain types of complex cases.

— In the District of Columbia, Federal Public Defender A.J. Kramer said that his office would have to withdraw from a large number of cases.

Car

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impressive.

Heated and cooled front seats were complimented by heated rear seats. There was a separate climate control for the rear and manually operated sun shade screens on the side rear windows and a power sun shade screen in the back.

Plush rear seats gave the rear seat area of the GS 350 the feel of a limousine from an equipment standpoint. Legroom was a little snug but there was plenty of headroom.

The front seat backs were powered into two places. The top third could be adjusted making the seat almost curve around the back. But while the head rests could be adjusted for height, the front pair could not be moved forward. That is another refinement the car needs.

Its new horizontal instrument layout afforded Lexus' midsize sedan an air of substance. All the elements were solid. The huge 12-inch information screen embedded in the dash was housed in its own pod.

The climate controls and audio switches were compact-

ly housed beneath the information screen. There was a mouse on the console and a menu button. The cursor appeared on the screen where control selection can be made in one of seven categories, each with its own subset of commands.

Touch on the mouse was very sensitive, a little more torque may have been better. What's more, return to the home screen could only be done by using the cursor. German luxury brands took a beating for the complexity as well as the driver distraction of their mouse control systems. But there have been very few complaints about the Lexus system.

Other than its spindle grille with its trapezoidal contours, the exterior design of the Lexus GS 350 AWD was evolutionary. Deep-set, high-tech headlamps with a projector beam design and L-shaped LED daytime running lamps as well as new taillights gave the car a new aggressive character.

The places where the car could be improved — headrests, mouse torque and return to homepage control — are minor

fixes. The 2013 Lexus GS 350 AWD was a sound luxury performance sedan. As tested, the sticker on the car was \$59,759.

Frank S. Washington is editor of AboutThatCar.com.



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INFORMATIONAL
PROJECT MEETING

**OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY –
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(Earthwork, Utilities, Foundations, Precast, Steel have already bid)

Andersen Construction is holding an informational meeting directly following the monthly Contractors & AEPT meeting at OAME. The project team will be available in an open house setting to discuss work packages and answer any questions about the project / bidding requirements. Bid documents for this work package are not available for review at this time, but drawings and specifications will be posted on July 10, 2013

Meeting Date & Time:

Friday, July 12, 2013, 9 am - Noon

Location:

**Oregon Association of Minority
Entrepreneurs (OAME), 4134 N
Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR 97227**



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ACT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Multnomah County's Animal Services Division is seeking a full-time Program Coordinator for the Apartment Cat Team (ACT) program. The ACT program is a program aimed at increasing the shelter's live release rate for cats. This program relies on a social service approach and focuses on pet-related education, including spay/neuter services.

Duties include, but are not limited to, coordinating and enhancing an outreach program to heighten public awareness of the needs of pet cats and provide tools to humanely keep cats out of shelters. The ACT Coordinator will also be responsible for the recruitment, training and management of a core group of expert volunteers and/or interns to assist with program activities. Additional duties include creating a referral system for staff and the public to ask for ACT assistance and building relationships with other animal service organizations to create a network of coordinated care for cats of all kinds (owned, stray, indoor, outdoor or feral). Salary: \$23.90/hourly. **Deadline to apply: July 12, 2013. This posting may close before July 12, 2013 if a sufficient number of qualified candidates have been identified.** Interested applicants are encouraged to apply early. **See job #6022-60 at www.multcojobs.org.**

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