

ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

As you may have seen from the notices in the *Smoke Signals*, the Tribal Council, in consultation with the Election Board and the Tribal Attorney's Office, made various technical updates and substantive changes to the Election Ordinance to provide for a more efficient election process.

The Election Board would like to bring to the Tribal membership's attention the following changes:

■ Only those Tribal members who have a Signature Verification Form on file with the Election Board will be sent an absentee ballot.

This change was made to avoid the confusion where Tribal members receive absentee ballots, fill out the ballots, and return the ballots, but the ballots are not counted because the Tribal member did not have a Signature Verification Form on file, which is required in order to ensure that the vote cast in the name of a Tribal member is in fact cast by that Tribal member.

In an effort to get Signature Verification Forms from all Tribal members wanting to participate in the Election, the board will be sending out Signature Verification Forms to those Tribal members who are eligible to vote but do not yet have a Signature Verification Form on file. These mailings will go out shortly after nominations.

If you already have a Signature Verification Form on file, you do not have to file another one, unless your name has changed. If you are not sure whether you have a Signature Verification Form on file, or would like to request one, please call the Election Board at 503-879-2271 or 800-422-0232.

■ A Tribal member's signature on the Signature Verification Form can now be verified either by a notary public **OR** by attaching a legible copy of a Tribal Identification Card, Drivers License, state issued Identification Card, or Passport which bears the signature of the Tribal member.

■ The Election Board will receive and maintain the Signature Verification Forms and will prepare and distribute the voters address list rather than the Enrollment Office.

■ The restriction on remaining, loitering or campaigning near the polling place on Election Day has been extended to 150 feet of any entrance to the polling place.

■ Absentee ballots must be received at the location designated by the Board Chairperson (usually the Post Office) by noon on the day of the Election.

NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS



**GRAND RONDE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECT**

Statements due 3:00 p.m., June 7, 2002.

This Request for Statements of Qualification (SOQ) represents a **General Contractor Pre-Qualification process** being conducted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority in Grand Ronde, Oregon. This is **not** a Request for Bids. Contractor responses to this Request will be used to make a list of qualified contractors who will then be invited by the Housing Authority to submit competitive Bid Proposals to construct 36 low rent housing units (21 buildings). The project is expected to cost approximately \$3.3 million. The infrastructure is being constructed under a separate contract. Grand Ronde is located approximately 30 miles west of Salem, Oregon.

Contractors wishing to be considered must request a Qualification Packet as provided by the Authority and respond to the requirements put forth therein. The Packet consists of general information about the project, an AIA Document A305/Contractor's Qualification Statement, and additional questions deemed important by the Owner. Contractors wishing to be considered must also submit a letter from their Bonding Company stating intent to issue a 100% Performance & Payment Bond on the Contracting Company's behalf in the event the said Contracting Company is selected as the Contractor.

Qualification Packets including the completed Qualification Statement, accompanying questions and letter from the Bonding Company must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, **Friday, June 7, 2002**. Qualification Packets shall be sent to Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority, Attn.: Linda Layden, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; phone 503-879-2401. The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all Statements of Qualification for good cause if it is determined in the public interest to do so, and to waive any informalities in the qualification process.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION

SMOKE SIGNALS is available to anyone at no cost. Fill out this form with your name and address, mail to: **Smoke Signals, Attn: Subscriptions, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

OLD ADDRESS: (Please Print) **NEW ADDRESS:**

GRAND RONDE ROLL #: _____

**MEMBER BENEFIT FUND DISTRIBUTION
\$1,000 FOR EACH MEMBER**

The Tribal Council has passed a resolution allocating **\$1,000** to each member through the Member Benefit program. For those eligible, withdrawal requests received in our offices by **June 7, 2002** will generate checks to be mailed on **June 24, 2002**. Withdrawal requests post marked June 7, 2002, **WILL NOT** meet the deadline, they must be in our offices by that date.

Under no circumstances will checks be picked up at the offices.

Eligible Tribal members should receive a withdrawal form in the mail regarding this distribution. *Smoke Signals* has supplied a form you may use. These forms may be faxed or mailed into the offices. This will be the only payment date for the month of June. If you choose not to make a withdrawal at this time, or miss the June 7 deadline, the next payment date will be July 10, 2002. In order to be mailed a check on July 10, you must have your application to us no later than June 30, 2002.

Due to the overwhelming amount of calls regarding verification of receiving the forms in the offices, you will need to mail it **"RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED"** if you want verification of arrival. Ask your local postmaster for assistance with this service.

The total Member Benefit program allocation for 2002 is \$1,000 for each member. If you need to change your address or have any questions regarding the application process or your beneficiary, you can contact Liz Leno at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2082 or Amy Whisler at ext. 2223. With any other questions, contact Chris Leno at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2340.

**MEMBER BENEFIT WITHDRAWAL FORM
JUNE 24, 2002 DISTRIBUTION**

Please complete the information and provide a copy of your Enrollment Card. If you do not have your Enrollment Card submit a copy of picture identification with your signature.

1) Member Tribal Roll Number: _____

2) Name: _____
Please Print

3) Current Address: _____
Street/PO Box

City, State, Zip Code

() _____
Phone Number

4) Date of Birth: _____

SSN # _____
Social Security Number

5) Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

6) Member personal annual income:	Household income:
(Circle range)	(Circle range)
\$0-\$10,000	\$0-\$10,000
\$10,001-\$20,000	\$10,001-\$20,000
\$20,001-\$30,000	\$20,001-\$30,000
\$30,001-\$40,000	\$30,001-\$40,000
\$40,001 and above	\$40,001 and above

7) Amount Requested: _____

8) Purpose of Withdrawal: _____

9) Signature: _____

Date: _____

■ Requests for withdrawals must be received in our office by **JUNE 7, 2002** for approval and processing.

■ Checks will be mailed out beginning **JUNE 24, 2002**.

■ **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CHECKS BE PICKED UP AT OFFICES.**



**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE
GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON
MEMBER BENEFITS**

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