

**HELP WANTED**

**Planner I/II**  
 Position #05A-301/302  
**DUTIES:** Perform professional planning work in land use, zoning & subdivisions.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** B.A. in planning or related field; Planner I: Prior related exp; Planner 2: 3 yrs exp in planning or related field; know. of planning concepts, state & county codes; strong computer skills.  
**SALARY:** Planner I: \$2,654-\$3,192; Planner II: \$3,085-\$3,696; ExInt benefits – fully paid family health ins and PERS.  
**TO APPLY:** County application form is mandatory; download from <www.co.columbia.or.us> or obtain from Columbia County Civil Service, 230 Strand, St. Helens, OR 97051; Phone: 503-397-3874.  
**DEADLINE:** Must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2005; postmark not acceptable; fax apps not acceptable.  
 Equal Opportunity Employer B12/15

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**Give Yourself a Gift this Year!** J.B. Hunt's Southwest 6-state operation offers: Weekly Pay – Average over \$42K per year, with scheduled pay increases, accessorial pay & fuel bonuses; Consistency & Safety – Regional runs within a 500-mile radius, steady miles, top-of-the-line equipment and a permanently assigned conventional; Time Off – Receive one day for every 7 on the road; Comprehensive benefits – Medical, dental, vision, prescription, 401k retirement & more! Be good to yourself this holiday season. Call J.B. Hunt today! 1-800-252-4868. EOE. Sub to d/s. 3 mos class A exp req.  
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**AUTOMOTIVE**

**1986 23' Komfort 5th wheel trailer w/accessories.** Full bathroom w/tub, shower, large refrig, gas stove w/oven, AC and lots of storage. Sleeps 5-6. \$2,450, call Carol 503-429-6425 or 503-784-9837. B12/15

**CARD OF THANKS**

**Thanks to all of you** who were so thoughtful to us in Ina's passing. She was a dear lady and will be missed deeply. Your kindness is appreciated.  
**The Bateman Family**  
 F12/15

**MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**Hay, 503-429-7694.** P12/15  
**Firewood, split & seasoned.** \$120, you haul. 503-429-1621(home), 503-467-6824 or 503-475-2070(cell). P12/01-12/15

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED**

**Wanted: Your prayer requests.** Do you need the power of prayer in your life? Send your requests to: Ladies Bible Study, Prayer Requests, Vernonia Christian Church, 446 Bridge St., Vernonia OR 97064. BTFN

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTED**

**WILL BUY ANTIQUES,** Collectibles and Estates. One piece or house full. Cash paid. 503-429-1608 BTFN

**SERVICES**

**Handyman: Reasonable rates,** all work guaranteed. Call Brian at 503-429-0869. P12/01

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VERNONIA OREGON FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

**will be CLOSED until FEBRUARY 2006**

1350 Knott Street  
 Vernonia, Oregon  
 503-429-7151

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOST YOUR DOG?** Call the Columbia County Animal Shelter in St. Helens at 503-397-3935.

**Recycle your magazines** at St. Mary's Church, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Questions? Call 503-429-8092 or 503-429-8841.

**BORED?** Become a volunteer. There are unlimited opportunities with you public schools, senior citizen center, community organizations, fire department, library, city and county government. Be a volunteer – and help yourself while you help others!

**FREE**

**Vernonia Cares Food Bank** is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with emergency food boxes at 627 Adams Avenue. 503-429-1414.

**Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year**

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**Notice of Opening for City Council Position**

The City of Vernonia has an opening for City Councilor. The councilor will be appointed by a majority vote of the city council. All necessary forms may be picked up at Vernonia City Hall at 1001 Bridge St. or you can request a packet by mailed to you. If you are interested in receiving a packet please contact Kate Conley, City Recorder at 503-429-5291. All forms must be properly completed and returned to City Hall by December 30, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. The City of Vernonia is an equal opportunity provider and employer.  
 Publish December 1 and 15, 2005

**Letter of Interest from Qualified Surveyors**

The Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County is requesting Letters of Interest from those qualified and interested in acting as County Surveyor for Columbia County until the May 2006 elections.  
 ORS 204.016 provides that in order to be considered for the interim position the applicant must be a citizen of the United States, elector under the Oregon Constitution, a resident of Columbia County for one year prior to the May 16, 2006 election, and an Oregon registered professional land surveyor.  
 Letters of Interest should be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners Office at the Columbia County Courthouse, Room 331, 230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051. Deadline for submitting a Letter of Interest is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, 2005.  
 Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon.  
 Publish December 15, 2005.

**City of Vernonia Planning Department**

The City of Vernonia is soliciting proposals for building inspection and plan review services. The services will be provided by a combination of City facilities and the proposer's facilities.

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(Plans examination may be performed away from City Hall, but many other functions will remain in the City.)

**SECTION 1: BACKGROUND**

The City is seeking technical services in the area of building department administration.

Location: Vernonia City is located 43 miles northwest of Portland, Oregon Population: 2260

The workload in the building department varies greatly on an annual basis. The variable nature of the workload does not justify the addition of a full-time, or even a part-time employee. The most efficient and economical approach to deal with the unpredictable fluctuations in work is to have a firm available to perform plan reviews and inspections.

**GENERAL:**

The term of this agreement is negotiable; however, the City will not enter into an agreement for less than one year. The City may terminate any agreement by providing 30 days notice to cease using the services provided.

**SECTION II: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

**BUILDING INSPECTION:**

1. Proposer will be responsible for providing administrative services of a building department. These services include, but are not limited to, investigative services leading to and including condemnation. Proposer will investigate complaints of occupancy deficiency and enforce the Building Codes as adopted and amended by the State of Oregon. Proposer will be responsible for maintaining all necessary reports and operating documents to maintain a building inspection program through the State of Oregon.

2. Proposer will be required to enforce City's codes and ordinances, as they may be more stringent than State code requires.

3. Proposer will provide inspection services on structures including, but not limited to, A-level structural, A-level Plumbing, A-level Mechanical A-level Electrical, one and two family structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical, RV parks and Manufactured home parks.

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4. Proposer will be the primary source of technical assistance to the City Administrator, City Recorder, Customer Service Manager, City Planner, City Engineer, Council and Planning Commission as may be designated by the City.

5. Proposer will participate in pre-construction conferences as directed by the City designee and will be available to efficiently perfect the inspection requirements.

6. The proposer must demonstrate the applicable technical knowledge and experience related to administration, inspection and plan review services and must possess:

- State of Oregon Building Official certification
- State of Oregon Manufactured Parks certification
- State of Oregon RV parks certification
- State of Oregon One and Two Family Plan Review certification
- State of Oregon One and Two Family structural inspection certification
- State of Oregon One and Two Family mechanical inspection certification
- State of Oregon One and Two Family plumbing inspection certification
- State of Oregon One and Two Family electrical inspection certification
- A-level Structural inspector certification
- A-level Mechanical inspector certification
- A-level Plan Review certification
- A-level Plumbing inspection certification
- A-level Electrical inspection certification
- State of Oregon Manufactured Home inspection certification
- Fire & Life Safety Plan Review certification
- Valid Oregon drivers license
- State of Oregon license for Plan Review and Inspection Business
- State of Oregon Plans Reviewer and Inspector license

**PLAN REVIEW:**

The selected proposer(s) shall enter into an agreement with the City to provide plan review services for residential

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and commercial plans under the State of Oregon Building Code, as follows:

1. Provisions shall be identified for obtaining plans for review within 48 hours of receipt of a request from the designated department.

2. Performing plan reviews for structural design and fire life safety code compliance with the current editions of the following:

- State of Oregon Structural Specialty Code
- State of Oregon Residential Specialty Code
- State of Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code
- State of Oregon Electrical Specialty Code
- RV and Manufactured Dwelling and Park Specialty Code

3. Identifying deficiencies and clearly noting each separately, including referenced code sections. Providing a list of corrections required prior to approval and issuance of a permit. Providing an initial plan review on one and two family dwellings within five (5) working days of the time they were picked up.

Providing initial plan review for all other development within ten (10) working days from the date the plans were picked up, or as approved by the City's designee.

4. Codes, statues and rules define the scope of plan review.

**SECTION III: PROPOSER REQUIREMENTS**

The proposer must demonstrate the following:

- Ability to effectively communicate both written and orally with the general public, contractors, City staff and elected officials.
- Ability to respond to multiple requests for service, and to schedule effectively to accommodate requests.
- Possession of field communication equipment such as pager and cellular phone.

**SECTION IV: PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each responsible proposer shall, at a minimum, address the following minimum qualifications:

1. The proposer is or has staff currently certified by the State of Oregon,

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Building Codes Division, to perform the scope of work as identified in Section II.

2. The proposer is or has staff currently licensed by the State of Oregon as a civil or structural engineer.

3. The proposer is or has staff which has a minimum of three (3) years experience working for a jurisdiction with substantial experience in plans review of residential and commercial occupancies.

A. Has a minimum of three (3) years experience in the review of plans under the State of Oregon Building Code.

4. The proposer has adequate transportation to provide the service described in Section II, and maintain space, equipment and facilities in which to perform the work in a professional manner.

5. A successful proposer shall be required to enter into an agreement with the City to provide the said services.

6. The proposer shall comply with the items outlined in Section II, Scope of Service.

7. The proposer must meet all requirements of Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 279 relating to personal services contracts.

8. PROPOSALS not meeting these requirements may be rejected if, in the City's opinion, such rejection is in the best interest of the City.

9. It is intent of the City to make a selection from the PROPOSALS submitted. However, more information may be requested if two or more PROPOSALS appear to be equally qualified.

10. All questions concerning the PROPOSALS or scope of work should be directed to Kate Conley, Vernonia City Recorder, at (503) 429-5291.

11. Ten (10) copies of the PROPOSAL should be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on December 22, 2005 to: Kate Conley, Vernonia City Recorder, 1001 Bridge St, Vernonia OR 97064, clearly labeled "Building Inspections and Plans Review Services-RFP."

**SECTION V: INFORMATION/INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS:**

1. Scope of RFP

This Request for Proposal contains **See page 29**