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People interested in heavy construction invited to orientation session

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The Oregon Department of Transportation's Eastern Oregon Regional Workforce Alliance will hold an orientation session from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to prepare potential apprentices for careers in heavy highway construction. The session will be held at the Training and Employment Consortium, 190 East Lane, in Ontario.

Skilled highway construction workers are in demand in Eastern Oregon and across the state as ODOT repairs or replaces hundreds of bridges through the \$1.3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act State Bridge Delivery Program, Tom Strandberg, ODOT public affairs officer, said in the announcement about the meeting.

The orientation session

will inform candidates on how to meet apprenticeship requirements to enter the heavy highway construction labor pool in the eastern region.

Those requirements include academic and skill testing and registration in job database.

The orientation is part of the agency's workforce development plan, which has three critical elements."

The Eastern Oregon Regional Alliance includes representatives from state, county and city agencies, local service providers, women and minority groups, contractors, construction firms and unions, along with the regional tribal officials.

Job-seekers interested in attending the orientation session should call Rhonda Gore (541) 889-7864, ext. 32 to register.