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Today: Mostly Cloudy / H: 60 L: 40
 Tomorrow: Scat'd Rain / H: 61 L: 49
 Sunday: Scat'd Rain / H: 62 L: 50
 Monday: Partly Cloudy / H: 60 L: 49
 Tuesday: Rain Likely / H: 64 L: 52

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ODOT lets 12 contracts on state bridge program

SALEM — All across Oregon, from Hood River to Ashland and Cottage Grove to Ontario, the Oregon Department of Transportation is strengthening the state's transportation infrastructure. The coming year marks one of the busiest construction seasons in Oregon's history, due in large part to the millions of dollars in bridge program work being let over the next 12 months.

Of the 365 bridges in the \$1.3 billion OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program, ODOT is repairing or replacing nearly 300 bridges. At the direction of the Legislature, the department is fostering economic growth by awarding the majority of the work to local firms and contractors. During the next 12 months, ODOT wants local construction contractors to bid on 12 bridge program projects cumulatively worth more than \$214 million.

Bridge program projects are grouped, or bundled, in a way that makes it easy for Oregon contractors to bid. By having multiple construction sites close together, contractors are able to cut transportation costs and move workers and materials more efficiently between job sites. As a result, more jobs are done by Oregon firms, further strengthening local economies.

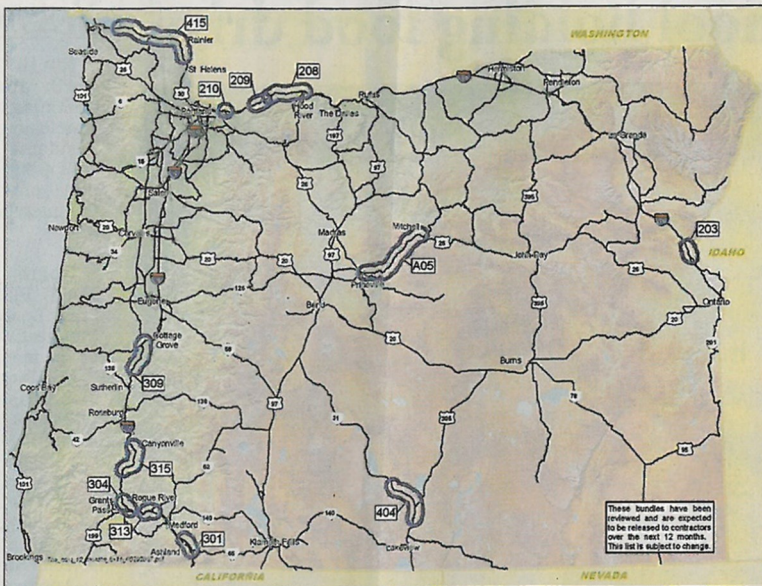
Since it began in 2003, the bridge program has injected more than \$70 million into the state by purchasing goods and services from Oregon firms. It has also generated more than \$317 million in income, including more than \$26 million in taxes for state and local governments.

Each of the 12 upcoming bridge program projects going to let between now and September 2008 provide a great opportunity for local construction companies, large and small.

The contract values, schedules and project scopes provided are subject to change. For more on these projects and information on how to bid, visit the Web site at obdp.org/partner/procurement/bundles/.

Twelve projects in 12 months:

• **Bundle 203, I-84:** Burnt River (Dixie Creek) — Lime Interchange. Total project value: \$17,798,000. Expected contract let date: October 2007. Construction timeline: November 2007 to March 2010.



This bundle consists of three replacement bridges and one repair bridge along Interstate 84, north of Huntington and Ontario.

• **Bundle 315, I-5:** Canyonville — Glendale Interchange. Total project value: \$8,998,000. Expected contract let date: October 2007. Construction timeline: December 2007 to April 2009.

This bundle consists of the replacement of one Interstate Highway 5 bridge at the Canyonville and Fifth Street (exit 98) interchange, and the repair of the southbound I-5 bridge at the Glendale (exit 80) interchange.

• **Bundle 301, I-5:** Eagle Mill Road — Neil Creek Road. Total project value: \$23,745,000. Expected contract let date: December 2007. Construction timeline: January 2008 to October 2009.

Near Ashland, this project consists of five replacement bridges along I-5.

• **Bundle 304, I-5:** Louse Creek — U.S.

199. Total project value: \$22,182,000. Expected contract let date: December 2007. Construction timeline: January 2008 to June 2010.

This project consists of three replacement bridges on I-5 in the Grants Pass area.

• **Bundle A05, U.S. 26:** Ochoco Creek — Bridge Creek. Total project value: \$11,858,000. Expected contract let date: February 2008. Construction timeline: April 2008 to October 2009.

Bundle A05 includes the replacement of one bridge over Ochoco Creek in Prineville as well as the replacement of two other bridges over Bridge Creek.

• **Bundle 309, I-5:** Rice Hill Frontage Road — Comstock Cemetery Road. Total project value: \$8,376,000. Expected contract let date: February 2008. Construction timeline: April 2008 to October 2008.

Located along I-5 in Douglas County, this project consists of six bridge repairs and a pavement preservation project.

• **Bundle 210, Interstate Highway 84:** Sandy River — Jordan Road. Total project value: \$56,063,000. Expected contract let date: February 2008. Construction timeline: January 2009 to July 2010.

The replacement of the eastbound and westbound I-84 bridges over the Sandy River near Troutdale and the repair of two smaller, adjacent bridges over Jordan Road.

• **Bundle 209, I-84:** Dodson — Tanner Creek. Total project value: \$18,438,000. Expected contract let date: March 2008. Construction timeline: December 2008 to August 2010.

On Bundle 209, a contractor will replace the eastbound I-84 bridge over Moffett Creek and repair three other I-84 bridges.

• **Bundle 208, I-84:** Cascade Locks — Second Street (Hood River). Total project value: \$16,851,000. Expected contract let date: April 2008. Construction timeline: May 2008 to July 2010.

Located along I-84 between Hood River and Cascade Locks, this bundle consists of two repair bridges and eight replacements.

• **Bundle 404, Oregon 31/U.S. 395:** Cattletpass — Crooked Creek. Total project value: \$4,998,000. Expected contract let date: May 2008. Construction timeline: August 2008 to October 2009.

The replacement of one bridge four miles east of Paisley on Highway 31 and another bridge over Crooked Creek, on U.S. 395, 16 miles north of Lakeview.

• **Bundle 415, U.S. 30:** Big Creek — Tide Creek. Total project value: \$9,846,000. Expected contract let date: June 2008. Construction timeline: May 2009 to February 2011.

Crews will repair three bridges and replace one other along Highway 30 between St. Helens and Astoria.

• **Bundle 313, I-5:** Homestead to Highway 60. Total project value: \$15,086,000. Expected contract let date: August 2008. Construction timeline: September 2008 to January 2011.

This project will repair the Highway 234 bridge over I-5 at exit 40, along with the northbound and southbound I-5 bridges at exit 45A and the northbound and southbound I-5 bridges at exit 45B.