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ODOT will offer apprenticeship orientation March 16

The Oregon Department of Transportation's Eastern Oregon Regional Workforce Alliance will hold three orientation sessions to help potential apprentices enter careers with ODOT contractors in heavy-highway construction trades.

The Baker City session is set for 4 p.m. through 6 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the office of the Oregon Employment Department/Worksource Oregon, 1575 Dewey Ave.

Job-seekers interested in the orientation should phone 523-6331 to register for the workshop.

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 OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program. The orientation session will help candidates meet apprenticeship requirements to enter into the heavy-highway construction labor pool for private construction contractors across the state. Those requirements include academic and skills testing, registering in a job database, and viewing an ODOT-produced video designed to prepare people for a career in highway construction.

The Eastern Oregon Regional Workforce Alliance is made up of representatives from state, county and city agencies; local service providers; women and minority groups; contractors; construction firms; and Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees.