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Apprenticeship Orientations Will Prepare Potential Workers For Jobs With ODOT Contractors

LA GRANDE - 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 orientations will be held in La Grande, Enterprise and Baker City at the dates, times and locations listed below. Job-seekers interested in attending an orientation session should call the numbers listed below to register.

La Grande Apprenticeship Orientation Meeting, March 13 at 4 - 6 p.m. in the ODOT Region 5 Conference Room located at 3012 Island Ave., La Grande. For more

information call (541) 963-7111.

Enterprise Apprenticeship Orientation Meeting, March 15 at 3 - 5 p.m. in the Prairie Creek Center located at 104 Litch St., Enterprise. For more information call (541) 426-3149.

Baker City Apprenticeship Orientation Meeting, March 16 at 4 - 6 p.m. in the EOD Building located at 1575 Dewey Ave., Baker City. For more information call (541) 523-6331.

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, registration in a job database and viewing an ODOT-produced video designed to prepare people for a career in highway construction.

The orientation is part of the agency's implementation of its Workforce Development Plan, designed to expand the number of qualified people - especially women and minorities - available to work on highway projects.