

# CONSTRUCTION CONNECTIONS

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## **Toll-free Number Connects Oregon Workers with Construction Opportunities** *Submitted by Oregon Department of Transportation*

The Oregon Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights has opened a toll-free, bilingual phone line so that Oregonians interested in highway construction jobs can find out about employment or apprenticeship opportunities with ODOT's contractors on highway construction projects.

When they dial 1-877-972-5700, callers will hear a greeting and can leave a message in English or Spanish. Within 48 hours, they will hear back from a Civil Rights specialist in their location telling them about employment and apprenticeship opportunities in their area and how to get involved.

Just as in Washington State, Oregon is facing a shortage of qualified highway workers for apprentice and skilled journey level positions. Understanding how to access these career paths can be challenging, but a practical step to improving access is creating an easy link between apprenticeships and the public.



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