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Twelve in 12: Upcoming contracting opportunities on state bridge program

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 bridge 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 details on these projects and information about how to bid, visit the web site of ODOT's bridge program management partner, www.obdp.org/partner/procurement/bundles/. For more information on all of ODOT's contracting opportunities, visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/OPC/contracting.shtml.

The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the ODOT's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs. ♦

Twelve projects in 12 months: Opportunities to bid over the next year

Bundle 203, I-84: Burnt River (Dixie Creek)—Lime Interchange Total project value: \$17,798,000 Expected contract let date: October 2007
Bundle 315, I-5: Canyonville—Glendale Interchange Total project value: \$8,998,000 Expected contract let date: October 2007
Bundle 301, I-5: Eagle Mill Rd—Neil Creek Rd Total project value: \$23,745,000 Expected contract let date: December 2007
Bundle 304, I-5: Louse Creek—U.S. 199 Total project value: \$22,182,000 Expected contract let date: December 2007
Bundle A05, U.S. 26: Ochoco Creek—Bridge Creek Total project value: \$11,858,000 Expected contract let date: February 2008
Bundle 309, I-5: Rice Hill Frontage Rd—Comstock Cemetery Rd Total project value: \$8,376,000 Expected contract let date: February 2008
Bundle 210, I-84: Sandy River—Jordan Rd Total project value: \$56,063,000 Expected contract let date: February 2008
Bundle 209, I-84: Dodson—Tanner Creek Total project value: \$18,438,000 Expected contract let date: March 2008
Bundle 208, I-84: Cascade Locks—2nd Street (Hood River) Total project value: \$16,851,000 Expected contract let date: April 2008
Bundle 404, Oregon 31/U.S. 395: Cattlepass—Crooked Creek Total project value: \$4,998,000 Expected contract let date: May 2008
Bundle 415, U.S. 30: Big Creek—Tide Creek Total project value: \$9,846,000 Expected contract let date: June 2008
Bundle 313, I-5: Homestead to Highway 60 Total project value: \$15,086,000 Expected contract let date: August 2008