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ODOT Kicks Off New Building Project

BEND – Managers for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have launched the design for a new building to house highway Project Delivery staff here in Central Oregon.

The two story, 20,000 square foot building, will use state-of-the-art practices for efficient energy use and work environment (LEED, SEED). Funding for the \$5.5 million dollar building will be provided by ODOT's *Co-Location Capital Construction* program, leveraged by the significant savings gained by eliminating the monthly payments that ODOT is currently making on rental properties housing project delivery staff off the Region 4 campus. About 76 employees are expected to move from outlying buildings to the central facility located on the current Region 4 campus along 3rd Street, south of Empire Avenue.

“We’ve been challenged over quite some time, with the many inefficiencies of being spread out and separated from each other” said Interim Region 4 Manager Gary Farnsworth. He added, “The new Project Delivery Building will not only bring all of our project crews under one roof for improved project delivery, it will also allow us to have staff from our various business lines brought closer together, for better coordination and overall customer service”.

The year-long construction phase is expected to start this summer and employ dozens of workers from the local construction industry.

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ODOT is still determining the feasibility of renovating the old Welcome Center building to become the permanent location for the DMV office in Bend. The agency will hold public meetings to discuss options once that determination has been made.

More information can be found at

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION4/R4-PD-Bldg/R4-PD-Bldg.shtml>.

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