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## **Eugene and Canby companies win bids for Oregon Youth Authority transitional home**

Work is under way on a 7,200-square-foot Oregon Youth Authority young women's transitional home in Albany to replace Corvallis House, which closed last spring.

Major contractor on the project is Meili Construction of Eugene, which won the contract with a bid of \$1.76 million. Canby Excavating won a separate \$271,200 contract to do city-required utilities extensions.

Last spring, R.L. Reimers Company of Albany did site-preparation work on a \$31,399 contract. The building was designed by Beaman Architecture Ltd. of Portland.

Targeted for summer 2010 completion, the new transitional home will help OYA fulfill its mission of protecting the public and reducing crime by holding youthful offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments. The young women's transitional home will provide treatment services and community work to help youthful offenders live successfully in the community when they are released on parole.

The single-story, U-shaped building is being built adjacent to the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility at 4400 Lochner Rd., S.E., which is housing youth from Corvallis House during the interim. The new 25-bed facility will offer school, vocational training and community work opportunities.

The young women's transitional facility is the largest OYA project financed by Go Oregon! state stimulus funds. There were 17 bids to build the facility, about triple the expected number. Officials determined that building the new facility would be more economical than bringing Corvallis House, located in the 1913 Archie

Johnson House in northwest Corvallis, up to code as a group living facility for youthful offenders. OYA is preparing to sell the Corvallis property.

OYA has custody of approximately 900 youthful offenders ages 12-25 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and the agency supervises approximately 1,000 youth on parole and probation.

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