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Developing women's leadership pipelines: OCFW Co-Hosts 11/10 event

Sunny Petit, Chair of the Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW), announced today that OCFW is co-hosting *Women At the Table*, part of a statewide effort led by the Governor's office to grow the number of Oregon women serving on Boards and Commissions. It will be held in Portland, November 10th from 4:30-6 pm at the Multnomah County Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, Room 635. The event will share information about current statistics about women serving on Boards in Oregon and is being Co-hosted by the OCFW, PSU's Center for Women, Politics & Policy, and the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber. Supporting organizations include Women in Transportation – Portland, and the AAUW – Portland.

Speakers at the event will include:

Amanda Fritz, Commissioner, Portland City Council

Kendall Clawson, Governor's Office, Director of Executive Appointments

This is one of the first in a series of talks about this issue around the state.

Register for the event at: <http://boardparity.eventbrite.com>

Recent articles on the subject including Oregon Business Magazine, Wharton Business School, and Forbes have highlighted the problem, noted Petit. "Although national studies show that companies with more women on their boards have healthier bottom lines and sales figures, women lag far behind on Board membership. Right now, we stand at under 30% for women on Portland city boards and commissions, while our population is over 50%. Having women at the table matters and increases the strength of business and success of our democracy."

Read more:

<http://www.oregonbusiness.com/articles/105-november-2011/6052-few-women-sit-on-public-companies-boards>

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/csr/2011/06/27/when-will-women-become-equal-on-boards/>

<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article.cfm?articleid=2861>