

April 2, 2025

# EVENT SCHEDULE

Oregon Forward Showcase and Procurement Conference

7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration and Visit Oregon Forward Contractor Showcase Booths
8:30 - 8:45 am	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping:</b> Darwin Pierce, Oregon Forward Program <b>Opening Address:</b> Stephen Nelson, DAS State Procurement Services
8:45 - 9:35 am	<b>Session 1: DAS Price Agreements, Oregon Forward, and OregonBuys</b>
9:35 - 9:50 am	Break and Visit Oregon Forward Contractor Showcase Booths
9:50 - 10:40 am	<b>Session 2: State Procurement Certifications and Market Research</b>
10:40 - 11:40 am	<b>Session 3: PDX Airport- Terminal Expansion Project</b>
11:40 am - 12:10 pm	Lunch and Visit Oregon Forward Contractor Showcase Booths
12:10 - 1:50 pm	<b>Session 4: Oregon Forward Program Processes &amp; Responsibilities / Oregon Resource Association Presentation of Oregon Forward Program Testimonials</b>
1:50 - 2:05 pm	Break and Visit Oregon Forward Contractor Showcase Booths
2:05 - 2:55 pm	<b>Session 5: The Benefits of Using DAS Price Agreements Through the OrCPP Program</b>
2:55 - 3:55 pm	<b>Session 6: Emergency Management and Logistics: How It Relates to Procurement</b>
3:55 - 5 pm	Participants Collect Door Prizes

## SESSIONS AND PRESENTER INFORMATION

### Session 1: DAS Price Agreements, Oregon Forward, and OregonBuys

This course provides an overview of what price agreements are and how they benefit state and local governments. Emphasis will be placed on how to quickly find price agreements on the Oregon Forward Program Procurement List and then in OregonBuys using search functionality, filters, and the active statewide Oregon Forward price agreement as an example. Tips and tricks will be shared to help attendees feel confident they can access and order from all available price agreements.



**Presenter: Dion Kerleè, DAS State Procurement Services (SPS), Business Services**

Dion began his state service in 2010 as a State Procurement Analyst. In this role he has completed many solicitation processes including formal RFP processes that resulted in price agreements. Early in his career, he collaborated with state and local governmental agencies to conduct solicitations that resulted in price agreements for armored vehicle services, electronic fingerprint service and service of process. Later in his career at DAS SPS he conducted statewide RFPs that resulted in price agreements for translation services and interpreter services. His current projects include statewide solicitations for transcription services and sign language interpreting services. Dion currently manages around 50 price agreements or contracts for DAS SPS.

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### Session 2: State Procurement Certifications and Market Research

This course provides an overview of the State of Oregon Procurement Certifications and performing market research in relation to more successfully completing the Oregon Forward Program step of the Buy Decision.



**Presenter: Kevin Doellefeld, DAS State Procurement Services, Procurement Training**

Kevin has been with the DAS State Procurement Services Training team since 2016. During Kevin's time with DAS, he has provided training on a wide variety of topics directly related to the state of Oregon's public procurement process.

Prior to joining DAS, Kevin worked in the private sector for 20 years in the technology and communications industry as a senior staff consultant, training manager and developer. Kevin enjoys spending time traveling with his wife and family, cheering on their daughter and son at their various school and sporting events and playing basketball.

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## Session 3: PDX Airport—Terminal Expansion Project

This course covers the different procurement processes used by the Port of Portland. Participants will also learn how the Port of Portland supported small business and used the Oregon Forward Program.



### **Presenter: Kendall Foose, Director of Contracts and Procurement**

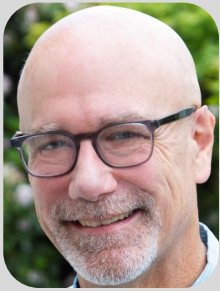
Kendall is with the Port of Portland where she leads a dynamic centralized procurement and contract department of 14 that focuses on transforming the region into a place where everyone is welcome, empowered, and connected to opportunity through procurement.

Kendall has served in a variety of types of public agencies such as state, city, and K12 before going to the Port of Portland in 2016. Kendall is a certified professional public buyer, NIGP certified procurement professional and was a Project Management Institute certified associate project manager. Kendall is passionate about reducing barriers for small, women, minority and veteran own business and often prioritizes outreach and technical assistance activities or events and to support community organizations. She has been leading the department in a review of how procurement activities are conducted at the Port with this passion as her lens. The department is actively pursuing improvements in the procurement and contracting process to increase prosperity and utilization for underserved business.

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## Session 4: Oregon Forward Program Process and Responsibilities / Oregon Resource Association Presentation of Oregon Forward Program Testimonials

This course focuses on examining the Oregon Forward Program, its processes, and the impact it has on the lives of Oregonians with disabilities. The presentation includes testimonials and video segments. We will evaluate the roles and responsibilities of public agencies, DAS, and Oregon Forward contractors in ensuring the program's success. Additionally, we'll discuss the processes implemented for program effectiveness.



**Presenter: Darvin Pierce, DAS State Procurement Services, Oregon Forward Program**

Darvin has administered the Oregon Forward Program for the Department of Administrative Services since 2006. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Oregon State University in 1982.

Prior to joining DAS, he was Executive Director of the Tualatin Valley Workshop in Hillsboro, Oregon for 16 years. Darvin earned the Oregon Procurement Basic Certification in October of 2007 and Certified Professional Public Buyer in November 2009. He enjoys working on the hobby he owns with his wife Nora.

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**Presenter: Rena Montes, DAS State Procurement Services, Oregon Forward Program**

Rena has worked in State Government for over 33 years, with more than 25 years of experience in procurement. In her current role since 2017, she administers Oregon Forward contracts and statewide price agreements while assisting in Oregon Forward Program administration. She focuses her skills and passion to collaborate with public agencies and Oregon Forward Contractors to ensure the Oregon Forward Program continues to be successful.

Rena has an associate degree in paralegal studies and holds an Oregon Procurement Basic Certificate. She enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews, and her veteran father (Korean & Vietnam War).

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**Presenter: Corey Jeppesen, Oregon Resource Association**

Corey is the Employment Services Director for the Oregon Resource Association, has worked within the Oregon Forward Program since 1995. He is known as a straightforward communicator and strong collaborator. As a past president and current board member of the State Use Programs Association, his expertise in disability employment is recognized nationwide.

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## Session 5: The Benefits of Using DAS Price Agreements Through the OrCPP Program

This session will break down the Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program (OrCPP): what it is, how to become a member, and the benefits of using OrCPP contracts. Whether you're looking to save time, stretch your budget, or unlock new contract opportunities, this session will give you the tools to launch your procurement game into orbit!



**Presenter: Jennifer Godfrey, DAS State Procurement Services,  
Office of Procurement Equity**

Jennifer focuses on helping communities maximize their resources through the cooperative procurement program. She works to assist agencies, local governments, and nonprofits expand their reach through cooperative purchasing, making procurement simpler, more accessible, and more effective. Passionate about equitable contracting, she is dedicated to ensuring OrCPP members have the tools and support they need to navigate public procurement successfully and make the most

of cooperative purchasing opportunities.

As a first-generation college student, she worked her way through law school while building a career in public service. Whether appealing disability cases before administrative law judges, volunteering to do taxes for the elderly while in school, negotiating strategic purchases out in the field as a park ranger, developing engaging and accessible science tools with NASA, or more recently developing initiatives to improve public contracting for small businesses with the Office of Procurement Equity, Jennifer has focused on helping communities make the most out of what they have with the resources available to them. Through her work as a Process Improvement Analyst with DAS State Procurement Services (SPS), she works to help agencies, local governments, and nonprofits expand their reach through cooperative purchasing, making procurement simpler, more accessible, and more effective.

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## Session 6: Emergency Management and Logistics: How It Relates to Procurement

By the end of this workshop, attendees will have a comprehensive understanding of Procurement's role in emergency management logistics. Emergency Management and state resources. How does emergency management impact public agencies. Importance of communication. Importance of analytical thinking.



**Presenter: Kaliska King, DAS State Procurement Services, Business Services**

Kaliska is a Procurement Analyst with the DAS State Procurement Services (DAS). She has 24 years of State procurement experience.

She administers state and nationwide contracts for Travel Contracts, playground equipment, and others used by the State of Oregon and member states of NASPO Value point. She also administers contracts like, credit cards, consulting, community referral contracts and others. Other duties also include being part of

the team at DAS that assists during a governor declared emergency, at the State's Emergency Command Center.

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**Presenter: Joshua Rogers, DAS State Procurement Services, Business Services**

Joshua has 25 years of State Government Procurement experience with the States of Alaska and Oregon. Josh has worked for DAS State Procurement Services for 18 years, working as a Procurement Services and Oregon Emergency Management Liaison for 16 years.

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**Presenter: Camber Schlag, Secretary of State**

Camber is the Chief Procurement Officer for the Oregon Secretary of State and is a Certified Professional Public Buyer. Camber has worked in public procurement for 20 years, 11 with Marion County and prior to that the State of Oregon. In 2020 Camber was awarded Manager of the Year by the Oregon Public Purchasing Association (OPPA), a chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and has previously been awarded Buyer of the Year. Camber has published 2 training courses on market research and contract risk. Camber currently serves on the OPPA Board as

a Director and is mentor for procurement professionals.

Camber holds a BS from Western Oregon University. In her spare time, she enjoys working on her 4-acre property with her husband and spending time with her young adult daughters.

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## OREGON FORWARD CONTRACTOR SHOWCASE BOOTHS



**Alternative Services, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential, employment, and community living support. Suitable to provide grounds maintenances indoor plant maintenance services, and janitorial services.



**Bay Area Enterprises** is a non-profit corporation that provides assessment, training and employment of people with disabilities in various capacities. Our employees work in janitorial services, at the Charleston drawbridge and in supported employment. Suitable to provide bridge tending and janitorial services.



**BlueSun, Inc.** is a non-profit dedicated to providing employment for veterans and people with a disability. We do this through education, technology, accommodation, and advocacy assistance. Job development services offered by BlueSun include vocational exploration, job search, job application assistance, resume writing assistance, interview training, meeting with employers to advocate for client placement, and job coaching. BlueSun helps place disabled individuals in temporary jobs to provide income, experience, and references. While individuals with disabilities face numerous challenges while trying to enter the workforce, they bring significant advantages once hired, including a longer stay rate, less scheduled or unscheduled days off, and a decreased likelihood of work-related accidents. Suitable to provide flagger services and temporary staffing services.



**Community Access Services** a private nonprofit organization, we offer a range of residential, community and employment services tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual we serve. We believe in the power of community inclusion and empowerment. Our team works to provide compassionate support, advocacy, and opportunities for growth to those we serve. Whether it's finding the perfect living arrangement, accessing meaningful employment opportunities, or participating in community activities, we're here to help our clients thrive. Suitable to provide janitorial services.



**Cornerstone Associates, Inc.** a nonprofit organization, committed to helping others reach their highest potential. We believe everyone deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. At Cornerstone Associates, we are helping fulfill that purpose, one person at a time. Suitable to provide grounds maintenance and janitorial services.

**Diversified Abilities** a nonprofit organization, provides long-term gainful employment to disabled individuals by offering janitorial and landscape services to municipal entities, through the use of mentally challenged or disabled individuals. Suitable to provide grounds maintenance and janitorial services.



**DPI Security, Inc.** a nonprofit organization, provides unarmed and armed security to government agencies around the state of Oregon. Our expert trained and licensed security officers work at office buildings, courthouses, community health clinics and many other settings to help our customers be safe and secure.



**DPI Staffing, Inc.** a nonprofit organization offers staffing services to Oregon local, state and regional government agencies. With three offices in the state, we deliver high-quality, pre-screened candidates in a diverse variety of light industrial, administrative and professional positions.



**Galt Foundation** a nonprofit organization, is a professional staffing firm on a steadfast mission to provide, promote, and expand employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Since our inception in 1998, we have envisioned an equitable world full of opportunities—a purpose that still drives our efforts to this very day. By empowering people of all abilities, we aim to create a more inclusive workforce and society. Our mission is to provide, promote, and expand employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. We are dedicated to leveling the playing field by offering meaningful and sustainable work opportunities. Ultimately, we strive to create a more accepting world where everyone, irrespective of their disabilities, can find meaningful and sustainable work. Suitable to provide technology systems support services, and temporary staffing services.



**Garten Services, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization that provides vocational, day activity and retirement services for people with developmental disabilities and long-term mental illness. The mission of Garten Services is to support people with disabilities in their effort to contribute to the community through employment, career, and retirement opportunities. Our actions increase society's awareness of human potential. Do business with us. Work with us. Use our day activities programs to stay connected to your community. Your support allows people with disabilities to contribute and connect to the community, making a better world for all of us. Suitable to provide confidential records destruction, e-waste recycling, grounds maintenance, janitorial services, mail services (all inclusive), print to post mailing and recycling (cardboard, paper, glass, & plastic).





**IS Living** is a nonprofit organization. Our vision is to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. We provide residential support services to individuals in a variety of environments, including adult group homes, apartment living, individual homes and children's group homes. Proud to be a part of your employment journey. Our team can support you each step of the way through discovery, job development, job coaching and more! Suitable to provide grounds maintenance and janitorial services.



**SWEEP Optical** division of Laurel Hill Center which was founded as a nonprofit organization in 1972 by a group of community volunteers. It focuses on services to adults diagnosed with mental illness, helping them rebuild their lives. SWEEP (Supported Work Experience & Employment Program) Optical is the primary contracted ophthalmic laboratory for the state of Oregon and has supplied providers with the finest quality, low-cost eyewear for nearly 30 years. But we're more than an optical lab. We're also an Oregon Forward facility that employs people with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. In the lab, employees have the opportunity to learn skills and do work that is rewarding. We have a rigorous quality assurance program that ensures orders are delivered as prescribed. Suitable to provide prescription eyeglasses.



**Living Opportunities** a nonprofit organization. Our vision is a welcoming community that embraces individuality and passionately supports and empowers people. Our mission is to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in the same neighborhoods, work for the same employers, and share in the same experiences to which we all aspire. As one of the largest service providers to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southern Oregon, we meet basic needs and provide services to hundreds of individuals of all ages. Developmental disabilities include intellectual impairment, autism, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, and other neurological conditions. Suitable to provide grounds maintenance and janitorial services.



**Marie Mills Center** a private non-profit agency that has served the intellectually and developmentally disabled in Tillamook since 1969. We are locally controlled and well recognized within Tillamook County. Our agency employs staff members that are trained and experienced in the needs of the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Marie Mills Center offers employment services, day support activity services, transportation services, and residential services. Suitable to provide janitorial services.



**Northwest Success, Inc.** a nonprofit organization, Northwest Success offers commercial janitorial services to government agencies of all types, in a variety of settings, from office buildings to courthouses to medical clinics. We want to make sure that your facility is as clean as it can be for your employees and visitors.



**Pathway Enterprises, Inc.** a nonprofit organization as Southern Oregon Training and Habilitation which incorporated in May of 1985 to provide homes and work opportunities for residents of Southern Oregon who were residing at Fairview Training Center, Oregon's state institution for adults and children with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities. Pathway Enterprises, Inc. is committed to ensuring adults with disabilities are offered opportunities to live, work, and recreate in their communities so they may experience personal growth, integration and independence. Our vision is to educate and support individuals and their teams to ensure adults with disabilities have opportunities to thrive in their environments by providing awareness, education and training that will lead to meaningful living, work, and community connections. Suitable to provide janitorial services, and drywall repair and painting services.



**Relay Resources** a nonprofit organization. Our mission is to transform workplaces and communities by championing disability inclusion. Local families form the non-profit Portland Children's Center in 1951 for the education of children with disabilities. Social enterprises are janitorial, landscaping grounds maintenance, document solutions, and supply chain solutions. Suitable to provide document imaging and management services, floor care services, ground maintenance, internal delivery service (Oregon DHS only), janitorial services, laundry services, order fulfillment, record storage and retrieval, wood floor care and refinishing, and indoor plant maintenance.



**Rockwest Training Company, Inc.** a nonprofit organization and a community of intellectually and developmentally disabled (I/DD) individuals who endeavor to reach their potential in life and work. As stated in its mission, "Rockwest empowers people with disabilities by teaching them skills and enhancing their abilities through employment and involvement in their community." We provide **medical kits** designed and packaged to meet the needs and standards of your work site and home. Our medical kits offer exceptional value, convenience, safety, durability and selection. Custom kits available! We provide **sewing, embroidery, & screen printing services**. Suitable to provide first aid supplies & AEDs, screen printed & embroidered products, and textile manufacturing (pillowcases, flat sheets, & wool blankets).



**Southern Oregon Aspire** is a nonprofit organization. Since 1975, Southern Oregon Aspire has helped individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities build meaningful careers and independent lives. Through job training, employment placement, and residential support, we empower over 130 people in Josephine County to thrive.

From finding the right job to a supportive home, we create opportunities and inspire growth. Together, we build brighter futures.



**Step Forward Activities, Inc.** Step Forward Activities is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities. Step Forward is committed to providing sustainable solutions to ensure a better tomorrow. Our programs not only foster sustainable solutions environmentally, but also economically. We manufacture eco-friendly pet waste products, recycled plastic bags, and biodegradable bags; while employing military veterans and others with varying levels of ability. Suitable to provide pet waste disposal bags and dispenser systems, and trash can liners, highway garbage collection bags.



**Sunrise Enterprises** is a nonprofit organization committed to creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. In addition to our work in retail, wood products, day support activities, and community employment, we are an Oregon Forward Contractor specializing in janitorial and landscape services. Our trained teams provide high-quality cleaning and ground maintenance for public and private entities, ensuring well-maintained, professional spaces.



**TVW, Inc.** is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1967 by Hildah Highbe, a former special needs teacher. Her vision was to provide a program that would enable adults with disabilities to achieve their full potential and make meaningful contributions to society. Today, we continue to pursue that mission by providing person-centered supported employment supports. Services include sustainable cleaning services. Suitable to provide floor care services, janitorial services and order fulfillment.

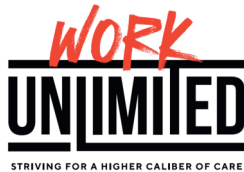


[Witco, Inc.](#) is a private not-for-profit corporation located in and serving southeastern Oregon and the Treasure Valley in Idaho. Witco is a mission driven organization dedicated to meeting the needs of persons with disabilities, especially in the area of employment. Our belief is that "All Life has Value" and our mission is to align ability with opportunity. Witco is proud to participate in the Oregon Forward Program and provides janitorial services and an outstanding engraving product for state offices in Oregon.



[Willamette Valley Resource Community](#) is a private not-for-profit organization providing vocational services to individuals who experience disabilities. We provide a variety of training and employment alternatives which enable individuals to access meaningful employment, participate in purposeful decisions and lead quality, self-fulfilling lives.

We offer commercial janitorial and landscaping services as well as a host of other services at our campuses in Albany and Lebanon.



**Work Unlimited, Inc.** a nonprofit organization. The mission of Work Unlimited is to provide quality vocational, residential, employment, and community living programs for people with unique and challenging disabilities. Suitable to provide grounds maintenance (landscaping), janitorial service, litter patrol, e-waste recycling (electronics recycling).

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State Procurement Services is the enterprise-wide purchasing authority for the state of Oregon.



#### **Oregon Public Procurement Association**

The Oregon Public Purchasing Association (OPPA) seeks to benefit the public procurement profession and increase its members' values to their employers through education, networking, outreach and established programs.



#### **Oregon Resource Association**

The Oregon Resource Association (ORA) is the professional membership association for Oregon companies that provide services to people with disabilities. As the hub of the disability community, we provide a collaborative platform that connects and empowers our members through learning, advocacy, resources, and innovation.

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