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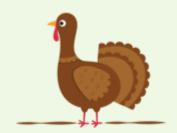


#### On the Road to Gratitude!



### **ODOT Office of Civil Rights Gives Thanks...**

for our teams, partners, GC's, and subs that work with us every day to make our roads accessible and safe to enjoy your family and friends this Thanksgiving Holiday Season.



# Happy Thanksgiving!

### OCR PROGRAMS

## **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)**

In order to be part of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, your firm must be certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises include small businesses that are at least 51% owned by Minorities (Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans, and Women) Other individuals on a case-by-case basis.



# **Emerging Small Business (ESB)**

The Emerging Small Business Program creates contract opportunities for Oregon's small businesses. The program also helps remove some of the barriers which prevent small businesses from contracting with ODOT. The ESB program objectives are to:

- Ensure ODOT is following Oregon laws and requirements.
- Assist and encourage other state and local agencies to have Emerging Small Business programs.
- Ensure that opportunities are available statewide to a diverse pool of businesses.
- Ensure that Emerging Small Businesses can compete fairly for ODOT funded projects.
- Ensure that only eligible firms can participate in the Emerging Small Business program.
- Help develop firms so that they can compete outside of the Emerging Small Business program.

#### Learn More

### Title VI

ODOT complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other federal nondiscrimination statutes which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, disability or gender in ODOT's programs, activities, services, operations, delivery of benefits or opportunities to participate.

In an effort to provide equitable access, ODOT provides accessibility aids, translation and interpretation services for public ODOT events and vital documents upon request. The public can get these services by providing reasonable advanced notice, at no charge to the individual.

**Request a Program List** 

### Intermodal Civil Rights

The Intermodal Civil Rights Program makes sure that public transportation and passenger rail programs comply with civil rights laws and executive orders that prevent discrimination in programs that receive federal money. The Intermodal Civil Rights Program works with other programs in the Office of Civil Rights to keep ODOT following civil rights laws and policies. Learn about our program objectives.



# Equal Employment Opportunity Contractor Compliance

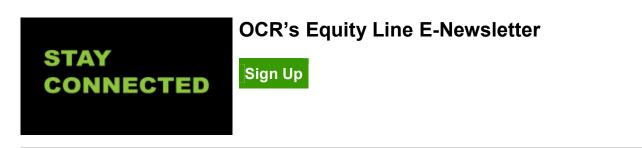
The Oregon Department of Transportation is committed to equal opportunity in hiring and awarding contracts. ODOT promotes equal opportunity within its own workforce and with the workforce of contracted employers who provide services for the agency.

Find Out More

## **Workforce Development**

ODOT is training future highway workers that will fill vacancies in the construction industry. By partnering with local nonprofits and Pre-Apprenticeship Programs, we're poised to meet today current demands. Get a list of programs ready to work with you.





**ODOT Mission Statement** | We provide a safe and reliable multimodal transportation system that connects people and helps Oregon's communities and economy thrive.

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