

STIMULATING OREGON'S ECONOMY

The state's biggest public works project in a half-century will foster economic growth and commerce in Oregon for years to come.

The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. OTIA funds will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and remove freight bottlenecks statewide. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.

Jump-starting the economy

- With funds provided by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act, the Oregon Department of Transportation will stimulate Oregon's economy by sustaining thousands of family-wage jobs in construction and related industries.
- The \$1.3 billion OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program will repair or replace hundreds of aging bridges on Oregon's state highways by 2013. ODOT estimates that the bridge program will sustain an average of more than 3,400 jobs annually between 2007 and 2010, and an annual average of 2,500 jobs over the life of the bridge program.
- With the bridge program, ODOT is doubling the volume of highway and bridge construction work previously done by contractors.

Expanding opportunity

- The economic benefits will reach beyond the construction industry to local businesses in communities across Oregon. Related businesses such as materials and equipment suppliers will experience an increase in trade, as will local hotels, eateries, grocery stores and other businesses frequented by construction workers.
- By developing a range of contract sizes, ODOT is giving Oregon contractors—including emerging small businesses and those owned by women and minorities—opportunities to compete more effectively with national firms. As these small businesses grow and prosper, so will Oregon.
- In addition to contributing to job growth, ODOT is laying the foundation for ongoing growth and prosperity for the state's workforce by encouraging diversity in contracting and hiring.



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Enhancing economic vitality

- By preserving essential freight routes, over which 70 percent of Oregon's goods travel, ODOT is enhancing and protecting the state's economic vitality.
- Through apprenticeship and job training programs, ODOT is helping create a more diverse, skilled and experienced workforce that will be an asset for Oregon long after the OTIA program is complete.
- In 2005, the bridge program spent \$28.8 million on goods and services; of that total, \$27.8 million, or more than 96 percent, was spent with Oregon firms. After bridge program contractors bought nearly \$4 million in structural steel from Fought Inc., the Tigard company hired more than 10 welders. And since Eugene-based Staton Industries received a \$1.46 million contract to demolish 28 bridges, the company hired four full-time employees and spent \$600,000 on excavators from Triad Machinery in Coburg.

