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In Brief . . .

- **HUD/SBA Contracting Conference, March 18th**

It's just around the corner! **Thursday, March 18th, 2004, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.** at the Double Tree Hotel-Jantzen Beach in Portland you'll have the opportunity to network with and present your federal contracting jobs to local minority-, women- and disadvantaged small business owners, to help you meet your procurement and diversity goals. Nationally acclaimed guest speakers, a luncheon, workshops and match-making sessions are included. Cost for the day is \$45, with exhibitor and match-making space available at modest extra fees. For more information contact Manny Lee of HUD at (206) 220-5363 or 1-877-741-3281, or go to www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=wa.

- **Federal Employed Women Training, March 26th**

Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Federal Women's Program is proud to announce and co-sponsor a regional training program coming **March 26th, 2004, 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** at the GSA Auditorium, 911 NE 11th Ave., adjacent to BPA. "Tools for a Successful Work Style" workshops will be offered, and the training is appropriate for managers, supervisors and employees. Registration fee is \$75 for FEW members, \$85 for non-members. For more information, go to our web site at www.oregon.feb.gov or contact Judy Rush, Federal Women's Program Coordinator of BPA at (503) 230-5586 or Sharon Ricks, (360) 418-8299, President, Willamette Valley Chapter of FEW.

- **Financial Planning & Your TSP, April 9th**

The Oregon FEB will host an introductory financial planning "brown bag" **Friday, April 9th, 12-1p.m.** at the Duncan Plaza Building, 333 SW 1st Ave., #401 in Portland. Focus will be on Thrift Savings Plan choices, mutual funds, and how they can add to a healthy financial portfolio. Professional financial planner Bruce Trang leads. Content is designed for "novices," so bring your questions. The session is free of charge but space is limited to 15, so contact Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-3010 or mcecilia@pcez.com to register.

- **2004 GSA Expo, May 11-13, Orlando, Florida**

The government's largest product & service expo is back! A gold mine for procurement specialists, admission is free to federal employees and military.

For information contact Sharon Sciacqua at sharon.sciacqua@gsa.gov or go to www.expo.gsa.gov

- **Policy Committee Suggests Topics for General Membership Meeting, April 21st**

The Oregon FEB's Policy Committee met on March 11th and amongst the many topics discussed was the agenda for the April 21st General Membership Meeting. Three suggestions rose to the forefront:

- Impacts on local agencies to recent major legal rulings, hosted by a federal judge,
- Trends in the national and global politics and what to expect in the near future, or
- Policy decision of the current administration and how they influence local decisions.

If you have a preference for one of the above, please e-mail Jeff Sargent at jsargent@pcez.com.

- **'04 CFC Has Campaign Chair**

The Columbia River/Willamette Valley Combined Federal Campaign is proud to introduce Jim Johnson (right) of the U.S. Postal Service as the 2004 Campaign Chair. Jim was part of the CFC Leadership Team last year and has twice served as one of two Loaned Executives that annually manages the 6,000 employee, 200 location postal campaign. As a Retail Specialist in the Portland District Office, Jim brings a great deal of creativity, caring and enthusiasm to the campaign. We are grateful to 2003 Chair Randy Crockett of the Social Security Administration for his leadership, which inspired local employees to donate a record \$1.51 million during last year's campaign.



- **TSP A-Z Last Month Was A H-I-T**

The Oregon FEB hosted two Thrift Savings Plan training sessions on February 10th at the GSA Auditorium in Portland, with over 800 in combined attendance. If you missed the three-hour presentation, you can access the PowerPoint presentations from the OFEB web site, at www.oregon.feb.gov The OFEB also has a select number of videotapes of the presentation for check-out. Contact Ron Johnson at 503-326-2060 if you are interested in the videos.

OFEB CALENDAR

March 2004

3/18, 7:30 a.m.	HUD/SBA Contracting Conference
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Network with and present your contracting jobs to local minority-, women- and disadvantaged small businesses.

Location: Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel
909 N Hayden Island Drive
Portland, OR 97217

Cost: \$45 for breakfast, lunch and reception; \$175 for exhibitor OR matchmaking; \$275 for exhibitor AND matchmaking.

To register, go to our web site at www.oregon.feb.gov, download a registration form, and send it to Mary Ceciliani at 503-326-2070 (fax) or mcecilia@pcez.com.

April 2004

4/7, 2-4 p.m.	ADR/Shared Neutrals Committee
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Monthly board meeting of the OFEB's free alternative dispute resolution services for federal, state and local governments.

Location: Robert Duncan Plaza
333 SW 1st Ave., 10th floor
Portland, OR 97204

4/8, 10-11:30 a.m.	Minority Business Committee
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Monthly meeting to enhance opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses to earn govt. contracts.

Location: Port of Portland
121 NW Everett St.
Portland, OR 97209

4/9, 12-1 p.m.	Introduction to Financial Planning
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"Brown bag" lunch session that review the fundamentals of the TSP, mutual funds, and how they can contribute to a healthy retirement portfolio.

Location: Robert Duncan Plaza
333 SW 1st Ave, #401
Portland, OR 97204

Cost: **FREE**

4/21, 8:30-10:30 a.m.	General Membership Meeting
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Twice yearly OFEB meeting for all local federal employees.

Location: To Be Determined

4/23, 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Public Affairs Committee
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Quarterly meeting of local federal public affairs professionals. Agenda will include selecting training opportunities.

Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg.
1220 SW 3rd Ave., #315
Portland, OR 97204



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FEDERAL AGENCY FOCUS

Agency Name: U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Director: Tom Cusack

Address: 400 SW 6th Ave., Suite 700
Portland, OR 97204-1632

Phone: 503-326-2561

Web Page: www.hud.gov/oregon

Service Area: State of Oregon & SW Washington, and for some functions, the State of Idaho.

Agency History & Purpose: 2004 marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of a key component of HUD, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and its innovative low down payment single family loan programs. FHA and other key housing and community development functions were consolidated when HUD was created as a cabinet level agency in 1965. The Civil Rights Act of 1968 and amendments (also known as the Fair Housing Act) outlaws most housing discrimination and gave HUD primary enforcement responsibility. HUD also establishes and monitors annual housing goals for the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Mission: HUD's mission is to increase home-ownership, and particularly minority homeownership; to help low-income renters pay their rent; to support community development; to increase access to housing free from discrimination; and to help end chronic homelessness. HUD is also working continuously to forge new partnerships--particularly with faith-based and community organizations--that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective at the local level.

Local Profile: In 2003, HUD's FHA endorsed *15,500 Oregon home loans totaling more than \$2 billion*, including more than **5,600 first time homebuyer** loans. This is by far the largest federal agency home loan program in the state. Because FHA loans are not direct loans but guarantees of private sector loans, and fees collected are more than sufficient to pay for administration and claims, FHA loan programs help actually REDUCE the federal budget by more than \$2 billion annually and makes the continuation of other HUD programs possible.

In addition, HUD funds more than **\$330 million annually in grants and rental assistance** in Oregon. This helps more than 49,000 elderly, disabled, and families with children pay rent, with rent subsidies decreasing as family income increases. While in some places in the U.S., public housing is the primary source of low income renter housing, HUD estimates that 9 of 10 families for whom it helps pay the rent in Oregon live in *privately owned* homes and apartments.

HUD is not a direct provider of housing or services to the public, but partners with state and local governments, lenders and private housing developers to deliver services and build housing. Because of this, **HUD delivers more than \$2 ¼ billion in annual federal funding in Oregon with under 60 staff.**

COMMITTEE CORNERS

Policy Committee

Next Mtg.: June 10th, 8:00-9:30 a.m., Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor, Portland.

News: Meeting will review the April General Membership Meeting, and precede the new "Oregon COOP Resource Partnership," which Policy Committee members will be welcome to attend.

Administrative Services

Next Mtg.: June 9th, 8:30-10:00 a.m., location TBD

News: Topics are still being discussed. The OFEB will also be conducting interviews with local federal HR Directors and Administrative Officers next month to establish a list of potential issues to highlight for the June meeting and beyond.

Combined Federal Campaign

News: The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is proud to announce that the 2004 Campaign Chair will be Jim Johnson of the U.S. Postal Service. This CFC will also add two more new counties in 2004, Umatilla and Morrow in eastern Oregon, bringing the total counties served to 23.

Emergency Preparedness

News: The second "Oregon COOP Resource Partnership" session will be held June 10th, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, at Robert Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 3rd Floor in Portland.

Employee Retention & Development

News: Introductory Financial Planning has now been firmly scheduled for April 9th, 12-1 p.m. (see pg. 1). The Policy Committee has decided not to continue the "Life After 50" training on a broad basis, but to offer the consultants to individual agencies for their training needs as they see fit.

Minority Business Opportunity

Next Mtg.: Apr. 15, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Port of Portland.
News: Continued planning for the 2004 MED Week Luncheon and Trade Fair, as well as discussion of other training options throughout the year.

Public Affairs

Next Mtg.: Apr. 23, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Green-Wyatt #315
News: All local federal public affairs professionals are invited to attend. The agenda includes discussion of public affairs training opportunities and promotion of local federal agencies.

Shared Neutrals/ADR

Next Mtg.: Apr. 7, 2-4 pm, Duncan Plaza, 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th floor, Portland.
News: Topics will include the 2004 Annual Meeting, the Strategic Plan and continued refinement to data analysis.

OFEB Policy Committee Officers

OFEB Chair:

Cathy Callahan, National Labor Relations Board

Vice-Chair:

Jerry Lorang, Veterans Affairs Regional Office

At-Large Members:

Anne Badgley, Regional Ecosystems Office

Michael Campbell, Bureau of Land Management

Randy Crockett, Social Security Administration

Lucy Devenney, Willamette National Cemetery

Kathy Eaton, Bureau of Land Management

Janice Goodwin, Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service

Bob Graham, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Captain Paul Jewell, U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety

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Employee Retention & Development

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