



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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For the week ending September 4, 2009

## OREGON COAST

- The **City of Coos Bay** leased the **OPAC Seafoods** processing plant in **Empire** for a proposed **boat building center and school**. Groundbreaking could happen by the end of September. *The World*, 8-24-09
- **Hunt's Home Furnishings** in **Astoria** closed. *Daily Astorian*, 8-27-09
- **Shear Madness Hair Salon** opened in **Toledo**. It employs two people. *News Times*, 9-2-09
- **Port of Play**, an interactive museum for children, will open in **Astoria**. It will hire three people. *Daily Astorian*, 8-27-09

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- The **Southern Oregon Sales** packing house in **Medford** opened last month, employing 50 people. The facility was formerly only a pear-packing house but now houses 7,000 cases of wine in cold storage. A second room is being remodeled to double wine storage capacity. SOS is also leasing three pear orchards and is interested in a peach orchard. *Medford Mail Tribune*, 9-3-09
- **The Wellness Clinic** in **Roseburg** closed. Three of the four doctors have moved on to other positions, while four employees will lose their jobs. *The News-Review*, 8-23-09
- The **Lithia Springs Resort** in **Ashland** will begin work this fall on a multi-million dollar expansion. Plans call for adding 12 cottage-style rooms and adding a barn-style wine tasting center that will feature selections from Oregon wineries. *Medford Mail Tribune*, 8-31-09

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- The **Department of Veterans Affairs** will open a **Vet Center** in **Deschutes County** – along with 28 other communities across the nation – in 2010. *KOHD.com*, 8-14-09
- **Jack in the Box** will open in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin* 8-28-09
- **AT&T** will close its **Bend** call center. The company reported that it is too small to operate efficiently. *Bend Bulletin*, 9-2-09
- Staff and faculty members at **Oregon Institute of Technology** in **Klamath Falls** will be taking salary cuts equal to one day of pay per month to save about \$2 million for the 2009-10 fiscal year. *Herald and News*, 9-2-09

## EASTERN OREGON

- Energy companies operating three Eastern Oregon wind farms were awarded more than \$140 million in federal grants in a fast-track process that saw their applications submitted and approved in 30 days. The grants will offset the cost of building **Horizon Wind Energy's Wheat Field** wind farm in **Arlington** and **Iberdrola Renewables's Pebble Springs** and **Hay Canyon** wind farms in **Arlington** and **Moro**. *The Oregonian, 9-1-09*
- **Human Energy Concealment Systems**, a new company in **John Day** that produces hunting apparel, expects to begin delivery of its product in December. An estimated 20 or more jobs will be created in the first three years. *Blue Mountain Eagle, 8-26-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **ReVolt Technology LLC**, a Swiss company developing a rechargeable zinc battery technology for electric vehicles, will locate its U.S. headquarters in **Portland**. It hopes to be operating by December 1 and initially employ 75 while in development stages and 250 once it reaches pilot and production phases. *Portland Business Journal, 9-1-09*
- **Game Stop** will open at the **Peterkort Towne Square** in **Beaverton**. *Portland Business Journal, 8-24-09*
- **Tuscany Eatery and Spirits** will open in **Scappoose**. *South County Spotlight, 8-26-09*
- **Chipotle Mexican Grill** will open on Northwest Lovejoy Street in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 8-17-09*
- **Washington State University Vancouver** will break ground on a \$43.5 million Applied Technology classroom building that is part of an economic development project to boost Southwest Washington's semiconductor industry. When it opens in the fall of 2011, it will house a new undergraduate electrical engineering program. *The Columbian, 8-18-09*
- **Extracto**, a coffee house, will open in **northeast Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 8-17-09*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Bakery D'Amour** will open in **south Salem**. In addition to homemade pastries, it will offer breakfast and lunch items. *Statesman Journal, 9-1-09*
- Construction has begun on a 149-room **Hilton Garden Inn** in **Springfield**. *Register-Guard, 8-21-09*
- **Zesty Stuffers Hot Sandwiches** opened in **Salem Center**. *Statesman Journal, 8-26-09*
- **The Gap Generation** opened at **Woodburn Company Stores**. *Woodburn Independent, 8-31-09*
- **Maynard's Bakery and Café** will open in **northeast Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 9-1-09*