



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending October 9, 2009

OREGON COAST

- **W&L Lumber** added a lumber-drying kiln and a planer to its existing alder lumber mill and chipping facility in **Myrtle Point**. It will add five employees within the next few weeks, several more during the next few months, and even more next year. Currently, 25 to 30 employees produce 30,000 board feet of lumber a day. *The World, 10-5-09*
- **Super Mart** convenience store opened in **Cloverdale**. *Headlight Herald, 9-30-09*
- **The Port of Toledo** is finalizing a deal to purchase **Fred Wahl Marine's boatyard** for \$1.5 million. It is advertising to fill 3.5 full-time equivalent positions and expects it to employ 12 people in total. *News Times, 10-6-09*
- **The Sunshine Spa and Salon** opened in **Yachats**. It employs two people. *South Lincoln County, 10-7-09*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **The Vine** restaurant opened in **Grants Pass**. It employs 28 people. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 10-3-09*
- **The Swanson Group**, a wood product manufacturer in **Glendale**, received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. It will be used to implement new software to maximize log use efficiency and conduct market research to develop new products. *The News-Review, 9-24-09*
- **Skin and Body**, a customized skin care business, opened in **Grants Pass**. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 10-3-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Flowers By Deanna**, a floral shop, opened in **Sisters**. *The Nugget, 10-6-09*
- **The Design Center**, a one-stop shop showcasing the talents of some of Central Oregon's finest professionals in the remodeling and new home construction arena, opened in **Redmond**. *Cascade Business Journal, 10-6-09*
- **The High Desert Gallery** opened in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin, 10-7-09*
- **The City of Bend** will lay off six more people in the **Community Development Department**. *Bend Bulletin, 10-3-09*

EASTERN OREGON

- **Things Women Want** opened in **Hermiston**. It offers bath and body products, potpourri, jewelry, and soaps. *Hermiston Herald, 9-30-09*
- An increasing patient census led **Harney District Hospital** in **Burns** to hire two nurses and two aides, and it is recruiting for two more nurses and two nursing assistants. *Burns Times-Herald, 9-30-09*
- **The Petal Pusher**, a flower and gift shop in **Hermiston**, will close on October 17. It employs the owner and three part-time workers. *East Oregonian, 10-4-09*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Canron Western Constructors** will significantly curtail operations at its northeast **Portland** location this fall, laying off 106 workers, mostly mechanics and equipment operators. *The Oregonian, 10-7-09*
- **Innovative Pet Products** will open at the **EastRidge Business Park** in **Vancouver**. *The Columbian, 9-20-09*
- **Rose City Printing & Packaging** will move from **Portland** to **Gresham**. It makes folding paper boxes and beverage containers for companies in the western United States. It will employ 33 people and plans to grow to 47 in about a year. *Gresham Outlook, 10-6-09*
- Wholesale plumbing products distributor **Ferguson Enterprises Inc.** will close its **Portland** accounting center on December 7, laying off 94 people. *Portland Business Journal, 10-6-09*
- **Pure Pizazz**, a jewelry shop, opened in **Sherwood**. *Wilsonville Spokesman, 9-21-09*
- **Oregon Crystal Technologies**, a Chinese solar component manufacturer, plans to build its first U.S. plant in **Gresham**. It expects to employ 10 workers and grow to 20. The firm, known as China Crystal Technologies in Beijing, aims to become one of the world's leading companies in gallium arsenide, an alternative technology to silicon in solar panels. *The Oregonian, 10-5-09*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **The Stereo Store** at **Valley River Center** in **Eugene** closed. All 11 employees will be transferred to its downtown location. *Register-Guard, 9-18-09*
- **Salon Trio** opened in **south Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 9-18-09*
- **Santana & Associates**, an accounting business, opened in **Jefferson**. *Statesman Journal, 10-5-09*
- **Arcimoto**, a **Eugene** electric car company, unveiled a prototype called the Pulse. It has a top speed of 55 mph and gets about 50 miles between charges. The company employs 14 people. It plans to start production of 200 to 300 vehicles with 30 to 40 workers by October 2010. *Register-Guard, 9-19-09*