



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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## OREGON COAST

- **Goodwill Industries** will build a 25,000-square-foot retail store in **Warrenton**. It will employ 30 to 35 people. *Daily Astorian, 12-3-09*
- **All the Tea and China** opened in **Astoria**. It offers premium teas, baked goods, and teaware. *Daily Astorian, 12-9-09*
- **Ocean Power Technologies** awarded Oregon Iron Works of Clackamas a contract to construct the first of 10 massive power-generating buoys planned for an ocean site about two miles offshore near Reedsport. Sause Bros. Ocean Towing in Portland will tow the first of the buoys to the site. If OPT continues to contract with Sause Bros., it could hire six to 12 people from the **Coos Bay** area to work on the project. *The World, 12-4-09*

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Bud and Mary's Esquire Room Café** in **Medford** will close on January 1. *Medford Mail Tribune, 12-16-09*
- **Rogue River Florist** in **Grants Pass** reopened with new owners. It employs four people. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 12-12-09*

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **General Electric Corp.** received a \$1.4-billion contract to supply turbines for a 845-megawatt wind farm project in **Gilliam and Morrow counties**. **Caithness Energy's Shepherds Flat project** has received most of the government permits it needs. It will employ 400 workers during construction and 35 during operation. Construction on the 338-turbine wind farm will start next year and is expected to be finished in 2012. *Portland Business Journal, 12-10-09*
- **Madras Professional Center** is under construction. **Hometown Drugs** will occupy part of the space and the remainder will house up to three other tenants. *Madras Pioneer, 11-25-09*
- Construction of the natural gas **Ruby Pipeline**, which is planned to start in 2010, is expected to employ up to 800 workers in **Lake County** and 600 workers in **Klamath County** at the peak of the summer construction season. *Herald and News, 12-8-09*
- **Clothesline**, a clothing boutique, opened in **Prineville**. *Central Oregonian, 12-9-09*
- **Olive Garden** will open in **Bend** in January. The restaurant will begin accepting applications this week for more than 165 jobs. *The Bulletin, 12-15-09*

## EASTERN OREGON

- **Little Caesars** will open in **Hermiston**. It will employ 16 full- and part-time workers. *East Oregonian, 12-5-09*
- A biodiesel fuel blending facility is under construction in **Ontario**. **PC Energy LLC** – a joint project of **Poole Oil** in Ontario and Campo Oil from Fruitland, Idaho – hopes to use Connect Oregon funds to improve rail infrastructure to the facility, which could add five jobs. *Argus Observer, 12-3-09*
- **Harney District Hospital** in **Burns** will hire nine drivers to transport patients for its Emergency Medical Services department. *Burns Times-Herald, 12-9-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Suntron Corp.** is closing its Newberg manufacturing plant on March 31, laying off 190 people. *Portland Business Journal, 12-10-09*
- **Columbia Bank** opened a branch in **Vancouver**. It employs 10 people. A branch will open at **Fox Tower** in **Portland** on March 1. *The Columbian, 12-14-09*
- **BedCo Mattress Superstores** opened in **Beaverton** and **Lake Oswego**. They employ 11 people. *Beaverton Valley Times, 12-11-09*
- **Smarsh**, an email archives and encryption technology company in **Portland**, plans to add 30 to 40 workers next year. *Oregon Business, 12-09*
- **Portland-based Integra Telecom**, Oregon's largest privately held technology company, trimmed its overall workforce by 4 percent this month. About 70 people, including about two dozen in Oregon, lost their jobs. *The Oregonian, 12-16-09*
- Chinese sportswear company **Li Ning** will open its first U.S. store in **Portland** next month. *Portland Business Journal, 12-9-09*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **The Home Depot Inc.** plans to build a \$30.5 million, 465,000-square-foot distribution warehouse at the **Mill Creek Corporate Center** in **Salem**. It will employ about 175 people. *Statesman Journal, 12-16-09*
- **Crush Wine Bar** and the **Taste of India** restaurant will open in **Monmouth**. *Polk County Itemizer-Observer, 12-15-09*
- **Wal-Mart** plans to build a 187,000-square-foot store in **Albany**. It will employ 300 to 350 people. Construction is expected to take about a year after planning with the city is complete. *KDRV.com, 12-14-09*
- **SnowZone Express Ski Bus**, a service that takes skiers and snowboarders to Timberline Lodge and Hoodoo Mountain Resort, opened in the **Salem** area. It sells ski lift tickets to its riders at a discounted price. *Statesman Journal, 12-11-09*