



# Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District February 2012 Newsletter

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## Col-Pac Annual Meeting Scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> Tillamook Bay Community College 10:00am—1:00 pm

### Key Agenda Items:

10:00am—11:00 am	Congresswoman Bonamici Town Hall
11:00—11:15 am	Senator Johnson Legislative Update
11:15—11:45 am	NW Oregon Economic Development Update
11:45—12:00 pm	Col-Pac 2012 Officer Election
12:00—12:15 pm	Col-Pac Volunteer of the Year
12:15—1:00 pm	TBCC Culinary School Luncheon

## Col-Pac to Elect 2012 Slate of Officers March 16<sup>th</sup>

At the January 2012 Board Meeting, Col-Pac's Nominating Committee recommended the following 2012 Slate of Officers:

President	Tony Hyde
Vice President	Peter Huhtala
Secretary Treasurer	Mark Labhart
Officer-At-Large	Bob Terry

## Grant Opportunities and Deadlines

Remember, Col-Pac is available to assist with reviewing grant project concepts and applications, contracting to write grant applications, and for grant management, accounting and reporting. Upcoming grant opportunities include:

### ***USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Project Concept Papers. Due: March 28, 2012***

RBEG funds are for precisely targeted technical assistance, training, feasibility studies, and other activities that support the development of specifically identifiable, small business enterprises in rural areas. Eligible applicants are nonprofits, public bodies, and tribes. RBEG projects should ideally lead to immediate job creation by private businesses. USDA is seeking proposals between \$20,000 and \$30,000 that have a currently committed match equal to or greater than the RBEG grant request. Technical assistance/problem-solving proposals are encouraged over real estate, equipment and revolving loan fund projects. Successful concepts will be invited to submit a full application for funding due the end of May 2012.

For more information go to <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ORrbeg.html>

***USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Due: March 30<sup>th</sup>***

Funding is designed to help farmers, ranchers and business owners build renewable energy projects, provide opportunities for new technologies and create jobs. Funding is also available for feasibility study applications for renewable energy systems.

For more information go to

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_ReapResEei.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_ReapResEei.html)

***EPA Small Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems . Due: April 9<sup>th</sup>***

Most of the funding, up to \$14.5 million, will provide training and technical assistance to small public water systems to achieve and maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and to small publicly-owned wastewater systems, communities served by on-site systems, and private well owners to improve water quality.

For more information go to

[http://water.epa.gov/grants\\_funding/sdwa/smallsystemsrfacfm](http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/sdwa/smallsystemsrfacfm)

***EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Due June 8<sup>th</sup>***

EDA seeks to fund construction, non-construction, and revolving loan fund investments under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants made under these programs will leverage regional assets to support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

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**Oregon Microenterprise Network Opens Executive Director Search. Applications Due March 26<sup>th</sup>**

For more information go to <http://www.oregon-microbiz.org/>