



## Oregon's Home Forward

As the largest provider of affordable housing in Oregon, Home Forward offers a variety of housing options to low-income individuals and families: more than 6,000 apartments to rent, including 2,600 units of public housing, and approximately 8,700 Section 8 rent assistance vouchers. Home Forward is a moving to work housing authority since August of 1999. Previously known as the Housing Authority of Portland, the agency

changed its name to better reflect the population it serves expanding beyond the City and into neighboring counties. With this, the agency has been able to develop a self-sufficiency program known as the GOALS and OHI programs. These programs allow for the individual intensive case management with clients to reach a better state of stability in home and in work.

### Community Partnerships

Home Forward has entered an intergovernmental agreement with Northwest College of Construction and Construction Apprenticeship & Workforce Solutions, Inc. (CAWS) to be a first source of hiring of Section 3 apprentices. Contractors who are working on large Section 3 applicable projects for Home Forward will contact Northwest College of Construction in search of a Section 3 apprentice for new positions on the job site.

Home Forward also has an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Portland to handle the certification processes for Section 3 firms. The City of Portland maintains this list of business and posts these firms on the city's website in order to increase utilization of these firms beyond just the housing authority.



### Small Business Programs

Home Forward has sponsored small business development programs specifically for public housing and Section 8 participants. This includes workshops with community programs, one-on-one consultations and assessments.

In addition to small business programs, partnerships have been formed with WorkSystems Inc to provide training opportunities in specific areas including property management.

### Community Outreach

Home Forward is involved in several business organizations and minority chambers within the community. Project opportunities are shared not only for the Section 3 Program but also for other Economic Equity Programs.