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*P: Expansion agreement continues strong growth across the West Coast.*

## OrePac Building Products to Expand Rogue Valley Door Partnership into California



**WILSONVILLE, ORE. (PRWEB)**

OrePac Building Products, a wholesale distributor of interior and exterior building materials, today announced an expansion of their distribution partnership with Rogue Valley Door. Already a leading provider of Rogue Valley Door products, OrePac will now offer the entire Rogue Valley catalog across California for the first time beginning on June 1.

“We’re extremely pleased to now offer Rogue Valley in California,” said Brad Hart, CEO of OrePac Building Products. “Rogue Valley makes an exceptional product of the highest quality, and we’re proud to add them to our offering in the Golden State.”

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partnership with Rogue Valley Door in 2018, providing handcrafted exterior, interior, specialty and decorative wood doors to the Northwest and Mountain markets. Since that time, OrePac and Rogue Valley have seen strong year-over-year growth across these regions. With two established California branches in Ontario and Sacramento, OrePac is well-positioned to continue this momentum into the California market.

"Rogue Valley Door and OrePac share a lot of the same DNA," said Rian Yount, General Manager for Rogue Valley Door. "We're both family-owned companies, we're both from Oregon, and we both share a commitment to quality. OrePac has been a trusted, proven partner for us over these past few years, and we're thrilled to now be working together in California as well."

More information about products and availability can be found at <http://www.orepac.com>.

OrePac Building Products is a family-owned and operated business, founded by the Hart family in 1976. Through strong leadership and a commitment to success, the company



has today grown into one of the premier distributors in the building industry.

In 1985, Rogue Valley Door began crafting great entrances in

Grants Pass, Oregon. Today, they are known as America's largest manufacturer of wood doors, crafted using some of the world's finest lumber. Family-owned and

operated, Rogue Valley Door takes special care to uphold a tradition of sustainable forestry practices that are dedicated to the preservation of our natural resources.

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

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**SUB-BIDS REQUESTED**

**Colonia Amistad Renovation  
Independence, OR**

**Bids Due: 08/18/22 by 4:00 PM**

LMC Construction is requesting proposals for the Colonia Amistad Renovation project. The project consist of existing buildings, 3 each one-story buildings and 14 each two-story buildings with 38 residential units to be renovated for standard and accessible apartments.

**Construction to begin in October of 2022**

**All bidding documents & other information are located at the link:**  
<https://bids.lmcconstruction.com/Colonia>

\*This project is **NOT** subject to prevailing wages.

**Bid Contacts:**

Noel Southard ([NoelS@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:NoelS@lmcconstruction.com))  
and Ryan Duffin ([RyanD@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:RyanD@lmcconstruction.com))

Please submit bids to

([Bids.ColoniaAmistad@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:Bids.ColoniaAmistad@lmcconstruction.com))



**19200 SW Teton Avenue  
Tualatin, OR 97062  
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LMC Construction is an equal opportunity employer and requests sub-bids from Minority, Women, Disadvantaged, Disabled Veterans, and Emerging Small Business Enterprises.

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID**

**CITY OF WOODLAND  
LAKESHORE DRIVE  
PAVEMENT AND PEDESTRIAN  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**Bids due 10:00 am, August 24, 2022**

The following project will be accomplished as a PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT and is subject to State of Washington and Davis- Bacon prevailing wage laws. A Washington State Department of Transportation Federal Aid Grant is funding a portion of this project.

Sealed proposals for furnishing all materials, labor and equipment for the following described work will be received by the City of Woodland at the Public Works Administration Office, 236B Davidson Ave, Woodland, WA 98674 until AUGUST 24, 2022, at 10 AM. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal shall be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the City of Woodland, P.O. Box 9, Woodland, Washington 98674. Bids will not be accepted via facsimile or electronic mail. Each proposal shall be completely sealed in a package addressed as required. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read at **10:05 AM on AUGUST 24, 2022** at the City of Woodland Public Works Administration Office, 236B Davidson Ave, Woodland, WA 98674. A contract will be awarded, or all bids rejected within 45 days after the bid opening.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Lakeshore Drive pavement from Goerig to the City Limits, project to include surface repairs and/or replacement, as well as path along a portion of the project length.

Plans and Specifications are on file at the City of Woodland Public Works, 236B Davidson Ave., Woodland, WA 98674, (360) 225-7999 and will be available on the City Website on AUGUST 3, 2022, <https://www.ci.woodland.wa.us/publicworks/page/rfbs>. Electronic copies of plans and specs will be issued by Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc. (HHPR), 1220 Main Street Suite 150, Vancouver, WA 98660, 360-750-1131, and will be available starting AUGUST 3, 2022. Electronic copies of plans and specifications are available via email at no cost, printed plans and specifications require a non-refundable fee of \$75 per set. A pre-bid conference will not be held. To check plan availability and/or plan holder's list contact

HHPR. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check Addenda before submitting bid.

Technical inquiries regarding the project should be directed to Bruce Haunreiter, Project Engineer, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc., 1220 Main Street Suite 150, Vancouver, WA 98660, (360) 750-1131 ([bruceh@hhpr.com](mailto:bruceh@hhpr.com)). All proposals must be submitted on the regular form furnished with the specifications. Work shall be completed within eighty (80) working days after receipt of Notice to Proceed.

The City of Woodland (Local Agency), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**State Sales Taxes** – the provisions of Section 1-07.2(1) - Rule 171 - apply to this project. The Contractor shall include Washington State Retail Sales Taxes in the unit bid prices for the materials, equipment, and supplies purchased for this project.

All construction and material, unless other wise specified, shall be in accordance with the 2020 Standard Specifications and Standard Plans for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction as prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation and as amended under Amendments to the Standard Specifications, and the American Public Works Association, and the City of Woodland Engineering Standards for Construction.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of such bid proposal. Should the successful bidder fail to enter into such contract and furnish satisfactory performance bond within the time stated in the specifications, the bid proposal deposit shall be forfeited to the City of Woodland.

The **CITY OF WOODLAND** reserves the right to cancel this request or reject any and all bids received or to waive any minor formalities of this call if in the judgment of the City Council the best interest of the City would be served.



**SUB-BIDS REQUESTED**

**Sequoia Crossings  
Salem, OR**

**Bids Due: 08/12/22 by 3:00 PM**

LMC Construction is requesting proposals for the Sequoia Crossings project. This will be a new 51,943 Sq. ft. affordable housing development consisting of 60 units with parking, passive and active spaces, and a community building.

**Construction to begin in October of 2022**

**All bidding documents & other information are located at the link:**  
<https://bids.lmcconstruction.com/SequoiaCrossings>

\*This project is subject to Davis Bacon Residential prevailing wages.

**Bid Contacts:**

Ryan Duffin ([RyanD@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:RyanD@lmcconstruction.com))  
and Alex Hall ([AlexH@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:AlexH@lmcconstruction.com))

Please submit bids to

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**HELIX PARK AND RECREATION  
DISTRICT DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES  
FOR HELIX PARK AND RECREATION  
DISTRICT POOL RENOVATION PROJECT  
IN HELIX, OREGON**

**Proposals due 2:00 pm, August 30, 2022**

Notice to proposers All solicitations shall be:

- Submitted to Helix Park and Recreation District via email to the Owner's Project Manager: Scott Rogers, CPPB Senior Project Manager, Wenaha Group, Inc. [scottr@wenahagroup.com](mailto:scottr@wenahagroup.com)
- Proposals will be received via email until: August 30, 2022, at 2:00 PM Pacific Time
- The subject line of the email shall be read: "RFP 2022-001-DB Design-Build Services"
- A Mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held via Zoom at 10 AM Local Time on August 17, 2022; to register for this mandatory pre-proposal meeting via Zoom, contact the Owner's Project Manager, Scott Rogers, at [scottr@wenahagroup.com](mailto:scottr@wenahagroup.com)

• All proposals shall be submitted in PDF file format only; if a response is not submitted in PDF, the Owner may determine that the proposal is non-responsive.

• It shall be the proposer's responsibility to ensure that the proposal is delivered to the Owner's Project Manager at the specified email address before the time and date set for proposal closing as noted in the solicitation.

• The Owner will not be responsible for proposals delivered to any location other than the email address listed above. Proposals delivered to another address, physical or electronic, may be considered non-responsive.

• Each proposal package will consist of:

1. Schedule, Scope of Work and Specifications
2. Proposal Terms and Conditions
3. Proposal Forms and Attachments

• Proposal documents may be obtained via an email request to Scott Rogers at [scottr@wenahagroup.com](mailto:scottr@wenahagroup.com). Interested firms shall have no unauthorized contact with the Owner during the selection process.

All questions shall be directed via email only to the Owner's Project Manager, Scott Rogers, at [scottr@wenahagroup.com](mailto:scottr@wenahagroup.com)

## INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON  
OVERLOOK PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Bids due 4:00 pm, August 31, 2022

P21004

The City of Ridgefield is seeking bids from highly qualified contractors to provide all labor, supplies, equipment, materials for the construction of the Overlook Park Splash Pad located at 113-131 S Main Ave as shown in the Overlook Park Splash Pad plans. All related work must be in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications. The Work shall be fully complete within 120 Working Days from the Notice to Proceed. Notice to Proceed will be issued following Department of Health permit approval, and the date given is approximate. Bid packages may be viewed and downloaded via the City's e-Procurement Portal at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/ridgefieldwa>.

Bidders are required to register for a free account via the City's e-Procurement Portal hosted by OpenGov Procurement. Once bidder has completed registration, you will receive addenda notifications to your email by clicking "Follow" on this project. Ultimately, it is sole responsibility of each bidder to periodically check the site for any addenda at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/ridgefieldwa>.

All project or contract language specific questions, requests for substitutions or changes, or requests for clarification must be submitted via the City's e-Procurement Portal, located at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/ridgefieldwa> by 4:00 p.m. on 8/17/2022. Incomplete or late inquiries may not be considered. Electronic sealed bids must be received by the City through the City's e-Procurement Portal located at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/ridgefieldwa> later than 4:00 PM (Pacific Time) 8/31/2022.

Submissions received after the specified time will not be accepted. The City's e-Procurement Portal Clock is the official clock for the determination of all deadline dates and times. Without exception, responses will not be accepted after the submission deadline regardless of any technical difficulties such as poor internet connections. The City strongly recommends completing your response well ahead of the deadline. Bids received by fax or E-mail will not be accepted.

The City of Ridgefield is committed to providing equal opportunities to State of Washington certified Minority, Disadvantaged and Women's Business Enterprises in contracting activities. The City of Ridgefield in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The City reserves the right to cancel this request or reject any and all bids or to waive any minor formalities of this call if the best interest of the City would be served. /s/ Melissa Irwin, Procurement Coordinator

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF COQUILLE  
JEFFERSON SCHOOL AND  
COQUILLE VALLEY THEATER  
DEMOLITION

Bids due 2:00 pm, August 30, 2021

Sealed bids for the construction of the Jefferson School and Coquille Valley Theater Demolition for the City of Coquille (Owner) will be received by 2:00 pm PDT August 30, 2022. A virtual bid opening will be held at the day and time of the bid closing utilizing GoToMeeting™. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: The Dyer Partnership (541) 269-0732. Bidding Documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com), QuestCDN Project No. 8264039. Bids will ONLY be received and accepted through QuestCDN. Prospective bidders must be on the QuestCDN planholders list for bids to be accepted and receipt of Addenda. Bidders must prequalify five (5) days prior to the bid opening with the Owner via the Engineer.

The project consists of: Schedule A - Jefferson School Demolition: removal of a former school building including: lead paint disposal, asphalt removal, concrete removal, existing utility disconnection, aboveground diesel tank removal, grading, erosion control, and hydroseeding. Schedule B - Jefferson School Abatement: abatement of asbestos and mercury containing building materials. Schedule C - Coquille Theater Demolition: partial demolition and removal of a former theater building with an apartment on the second floor including lead paint disposal, utility disconnection and fence installation.

Bids not fully completed in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders will not be considered. Multiple Contracts may be awarded for this project.

A Bid Security executed in favor of the Owner in the amount of not less than 10% of the total amount of the Bid is required. Per ORS 279C.385 (2), Bid Security is to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages should the Bidder neglect or refuse to enter into a Contract and provide suitable insurance certificates, bonds, and other required documents for the faithful performance of the work in the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract.

All bidders must be equal opportunity employers, provide proof of an employee drug testing program, be registered with the Construction Contractors Board and comply with all state and federal laws.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held 10:00 am local time on August 17, 2022 at the Jefferson School 790 W 17TH St. Coquille, Oregon 97423. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Each Bidder must submit a First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form, Evidence of Authority to Sign Bid, and Evidence to do Business in the State within two working hours of the time for receipt of the Bid.

Contractors and all subcontractors shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815. ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 will be administered and enforced in accordance with state law and regulations.

No Bid will be received or considered by the Owner unless the Bid contains: 1) a statement that Bidder will comply with the provisions of 40 USC 276a and ORS 279C.840 and 2) a statement as to whether the Bidder is a resident Bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive all informalities, and to accept such Bids that in the opinion of the Owner are in the best interest of the Owner.

Dated this 29th day of July 2022.

Owner: City of Coquille

By: Forrest Neuerburg

Title: City Manager



## INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF GRANTS PASS  
LAWNRIDGE PARK - PICKLEBALL  
AND BASKETBALL COURTS

Bids due 3:00 pm, August 18, 2022

PROJECT NO. LB6189

**SEALED BID PROPOSALS** for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment and services required for the construction of the **LAWNRIDGE PARK - PICKLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS** project in the City of Grants Pass are now being accepted. Bids will be accepted by the **City Recorder** at the City of Grants Pass Administration Office at 101 N.W. "A" Street, Room 205, Grants Pass, Oregon, Attn: City Recorder, until **3:00 P.M., Thursday, August 18, 2022**, at which time they will be **publicly opened and read in the City of Grants Pass City Manager's Conference Room**, and after which they will not be received or accepted.

**THE PROPOSED WORK INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY THE FOLLOWING:**

THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PICKLEBALL COURT, WHICH CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 210 TONS OF AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, 103 TONS OF ASPHALT, INSTALLING FENCES RETAINING WALLS, AND INSTALLING, SURFACING, AND STRIPING A BASKETBALL COURT.

Bid Documents and Construction Drawings for the work may be acquired on or after Thursday, August 4, 2022 and may be obtained from the City of Grants Pass, Engineering Division, located at 101 N.W. "A" Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526, phone (541) 450-6060, or downloaded from the City of Grants Pass Website at [www.grantspassoregon.gov/bids.aspx](http://www.grantspassoregon.gov/bids.aspx). Please check the "Capital Project" page for contractor award information.

A **MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held at the City of Grants Pass **COURTYARD/RIDGE ROOM**, located at 101 N.W. "A" Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, on **Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.** local time. All bidders will be required to attend and sign-

in on the mandatory pre-bid conference sign-in sheet.

Bidders must be prequalified in conformance with Oregon Revised Statute 279C.430 or the Grants Pass Municipal Code. A prequalification form must be submitted to the City five calendar days prior to the bid opening date in order for the bid to be considered. **ALL PREQUALIFICATION FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022.** If the prequalification form is not submitted five calendar days prior to the bid opening date or the bidder has not prequalified with the City within the previous 12 months, the bid will be automatically rejected, remain unopened, marked as "Rejected" and filed with the other bids. The class or classes of work for which bidders must prequalify are the following: **TEMPORARY FEATURES AND APPURTENANCES, ROAD WORK, BASES, WEARING SURFACES, PERMANENT TRAFFIC SAFETY AND ILLUMINATION SYSTEMS, AND RIGHT OF WAY DEVELOPMENT AND CONTROL.**

If the bidder has prequalified with the City within one year prior to the Bid Opening, and such prequalification is for the call of work as stated above with no substantial change, then it will not be necessary to prequalify again for this bid. Bidder shall state as part of the bid that the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 (Prevailing Wage Rate) shall be complied with.

The City of Grants Pass may reject any bid not in compliance with all public bidding procedures and requirements, may waive any irregularities, and may reject for good cause any or all bids upon a finding of the City it is in the public interest to do so.

**SPECIAL NOTE!** The work shall be completed no later than thirty (30) calendar days after a written "Notice to Proceed" is given to the Contractor by City.

Dated this: **MONDAY, THE 1st DAY OF AUGUST 2022**

Wade Elliott, Assistant  
Public Works Director  
Engineering Division  
Authorized Representative  
of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon





**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**Shared Procurement Portal Partners**

The Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond and Woodinville along with King County Library System, Pacific Hospital PDA and Sammamish Plateau Water are requesting that businesses submit an application to their new procurement vendor roster system, Public Purchase. Public Purchase is free for vendor subscription. The free subscription includes access to agency solicitations, email notification from registered agencies and online solicitation submittal. You must register with each agency in order to receive notifications of upcoming solicitation opportunities.

Businesses interested in submitting an application to be notified of upcoming bid and RFP opportunities may apply at any time by going to [www.publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) and selecting "Go to Register" for the free application. Businesses must sign up in the new Public Purchase system to continue to receive solicitation notifications from these agencies. After receiving notification that you are registered with Public Purchase you must log in and sign up with the agencies.

For architectural and engineering firms, the registration process will require uploading a Statement of Qualifications. Firms requiring a SOQ can find out more information by visiting [www.sharedprocurementportal.com](http://www.sharedprocurementportal.com).

The Public Purchase roster includes businesses representative of Small Works (RCW 39.04.155), Professional Services/Architecture & Engineering (RCW 39.80.030), General Services, Legal Services, Information Technology and Supply Vendors.

Some or all of the agencies participating in the Shared Procurement Portal may use the roster to select businesses for public agency contracts. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against in the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

In addition, the selected contractor, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall affirmatively support non-discrimination practices, including in the selection and retention of subcontractors and in the procurement of material and equipment.

Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI has a right to file a formal complaint. For more information contact the specific agency.

*Is becoming a 'variant factory' inevitable? No – there's an alternative. They call themselves 'Transmission Hackers', they're democratising anti-viral PPE for the masses AND they've disguised it as everyday wear... A virus reducing partner in 'Covid World' to outsmart Covid, save the environment from disposable face masks and replace ordinary face coverings.*

**Groundbreaking virus destroying face mask & wearables turn people into 'human virus neutralisers' as society heads back into the Office**

**LONDON (PRWEB)**

A groundbreaking range of wearables which uses virus neutralising technology to kill off Covid-19 and other infectious diseases like the flu and norovirus has been launched by a UK based company and disguised as everyday wear.

Akhand Armour says its technology, which it has initially rolled out on a range of face masks, sanitising face mask pocket cases, glasses cases, shopping bags and mobile phone cases, reduces virus transference by neutralising landed infected droplets and removing them from circulation.

Disguised as everyday wear, the wearables have been independently tested and certified at MSL, a UK microbiological testing laboratory and are the first to achieve an ISO certification for non-medical face masks and wearables.

Founder Meena Hanspal said: "As soon as infected droplets land on the wearables - which are impregnated with a virus destroying tech - the outer wall of the coronavirus is destroyed, rendering it useless...Killing it off means it cannot infect and cannot mutate, so not only do we mitigate contact-based transmission, we mitigate the likelihood of variants developing. The wearable technology effectively acts as a "self-sanitising eco-system", continuously neutralising infected droplets as they land."

Hanspal added: "This means that users are what we call 'human virus neutralisers', moving through the community. There will be strength in numbers - the more people using the tech, the greater the community-shielding effect. Disguising the wearables as everyday wear helps to put anti-maskers at ease."

The new wearables arrive just as the UK starts to fully open up after spending most of the past 18 months in some form of lockdown.

Akhand Armour, which terms the new technology 'Adaptive Non-Medical PPE™', says that virus neutralising technology has been around for decades and is "well tested, robust tech" which has been repurposed to help reduce community transmission.

Hanspal added: "I realised at the height of the pandemic that expertise here in the UK was being underutilised – it's as though the information needed by the public in order to better protect themselves was being withheld from them. We've now democratised PPE, opening it up for the general public."

Dr David Greensmith, one of Akhand's scientific advisors and Programme Leader for Infectious Diseases at the University of Salford, said that traditional face coverings could become contagious surfaces by collecting microbes through use.

He added: "A covering which is designed to prevent transmission may, after time, facilitate it."

He goes on to say, "A face covering augmented in the way Akhand Armour has developed can ultimately reduce the likelihood of microbe spread between individuals... and effectively contribute to a

respective reduction in R value."

Hanspal added: "This is especially true when the virus is airborne. With mixed messaging around masks throughout the pandemic, the public were being 'penalised' for seemingly not knowing how to wear masks properly – but this is an unfair interpretation of what's really happening out there."

"Expecting the general public to wear masks in the same way as one would in medical settings is an almost impossible ask. In the real world, people find themselves having to re-use the same mask multiple times a day. It's usually stuffed in a pocket and re-worn whilst rushing about living busy lives".

"We take the stress out of masking," says Hanspal. "We've engineered wearables fit for 'Covid World'. We disguise it as everyday wear, make it easy to use whilst at the same time make sure it works by self-sanitising on the fly. We make it easy for the user and easy for the people around the user."

The T4 Quad-lock Transformer Face Mask uses two different virus destruction technologies to self-protect whilst the sanitising face mask pocket case also continues to destroy virus on both the mask and in the user's pocket between uses.

Remaining active for the life of the textile, the wearables are much more sustainable than disposable face masks, with each T4 Quad-lock mask saving upwards of 400 disposable masks per person.

Akhand Armour has also developed scarf-mask hybrids (called a Scarsk™) for people who do not like wearing masks, and a baby changing blanket for use in public baby changing rooms or when travelling.

"Even when restrictions are removed, many people will be hesitant about potential risk since Covid numbers are rising steeply," said Hanspal. "Using an anti-viral wearable when you go out will dramatically reduce those risks, helping to neutralise the virus within the community."

All of the products have been engineered to be diversity friendly, with '2nd Skin Form Fit' accommodating multiple face shapes, hats, turbans, beards, headwear and hearing aids.

Having been tested to 50 washes Akhand says, "There are no shortcuts – not only have we ensured the tech is well tested, we have gone above and beyond what is normally expected. They start working immediately providing a transmission intervention – all you've got to do is pull it out of the bag."

"We remove the panic. The tools work with you to continue to neutralise infected droplets in the background so you can get on with whatever you're doing. We're like your virus reducing partner – we support your journey instead of interfering with it – we can help people to start socializing more freely".

The wearables are like an ordinary luxurious fabric. The T4 Quad-Lock System and wearables both outsmart the virus and outsmart ordinary face coverings.





The newest rental residences in Portland's Goose Hollow neighborhood welcome first move-ins.

## Greystar Opens Sawbuck, A Highly Anticipated Development in Portland

### PORTLAND, ORE. (PRWEB)

Greystar, a global leader in the development, investment, and management of high-quality rental housing properties, has officially opened Sawbuck, their first development project in Portland, Oregon. Comprised of 182 apartments and approximately 8,000 square feet of retail space, the project broke ground in July 2019 and has welcomed their first move-ins September 1. Located at the corner of Southwest 18th Avenue and Southwest Salmon Street in the Goose Hollow neighborhood, Sawbuck lies at the base of West Hills and Washington Park, remaining easily accessible

to downtown Portland. Rents start at approximately \$1,500 per month.

Sawbuck's studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom residences feature modern amenities which include stainless steel appliances, oversized windows, quartz countertops and recessed lighting among others. The community's overall aesthetic was designed by SERA Architects, which drew inspiration from New York City's iconic Flatiron Building and reflects a sustainable ethos with dynamic spaces for its residents.

"This project didn't happen overnight. We've spent the last few years immersed in the local Oregon community, prospecting and deeply

engaging with local businesses and residents. We are thrilled to officially open our doors at Sawbuck to the Portland community and bring modern, eclectic apartment living to the Goose Hollow neighborhood," said Doug Burges, Director of Development at Greystar.

Inviting spaces with bespoke interiors abound at Sawbuck, including: the stunning rooftop view of Providence Park, home to Major League Soccer team, the Portland Timbers, and the National Women's Soccer League's Portland Thorns FC; a club lounge and gaming area; co-working spaces; conference rooms and work pods; a rooftop deck with a firepit and barbeque

stations; full entertainment kitchen; a fitness studio; bike storage; package storage; and a collection of onsite retail.

"Sawbuck offers residents a living experience where they can shop, eat and play," said Burges. "This unique location explores Portland's alluring scenery, while providing a seamless path to the pulse of the city."

Centrally located, the transit-oriented development provides easy access to multiple bus stops, the 405-Interstate freeway and nearby light rail transportation stops with easy access to Downtown Portland, Central Eastside and Beaverton.

For more information on Sawbuck, visit <https://liveatsawbuck.com/>.



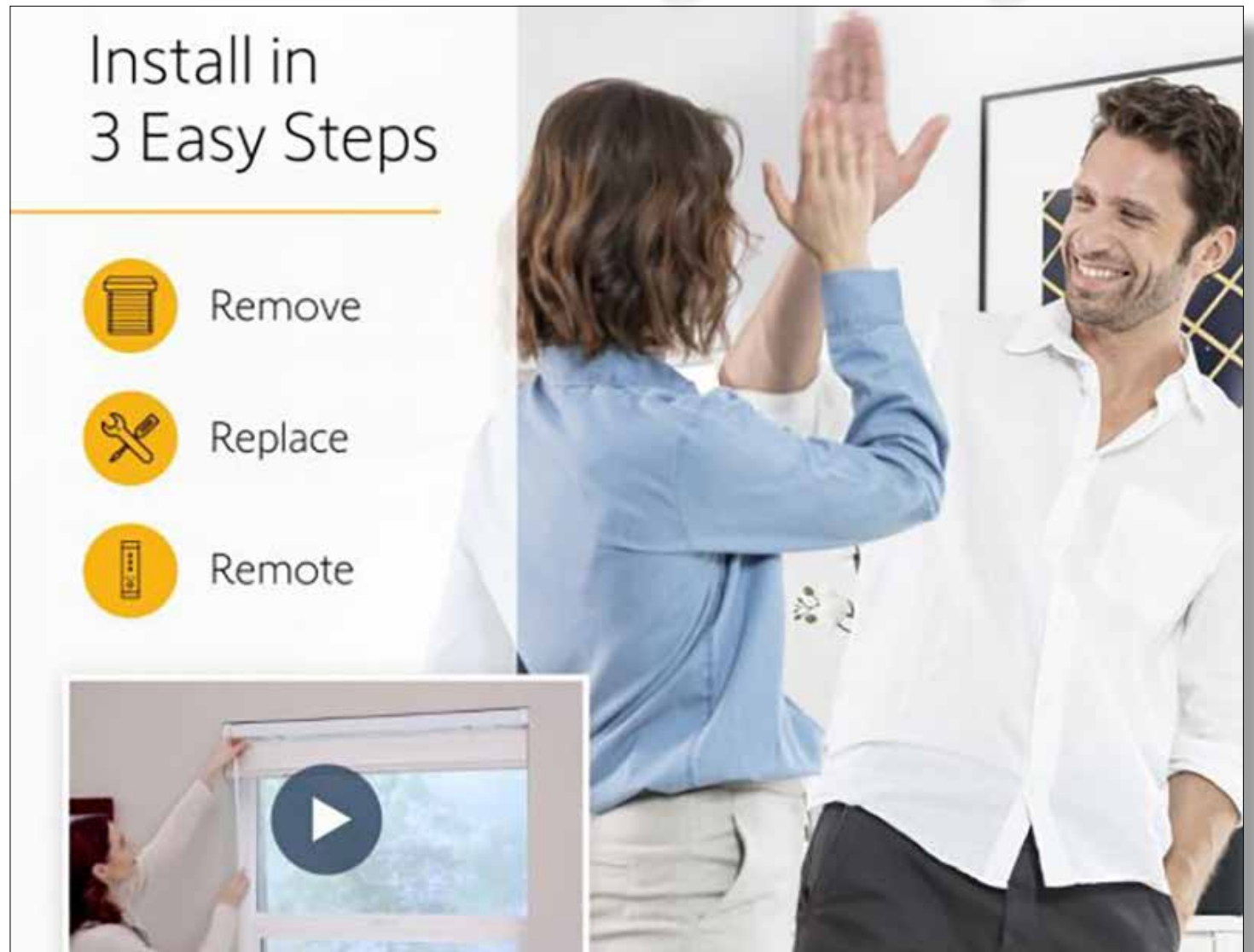
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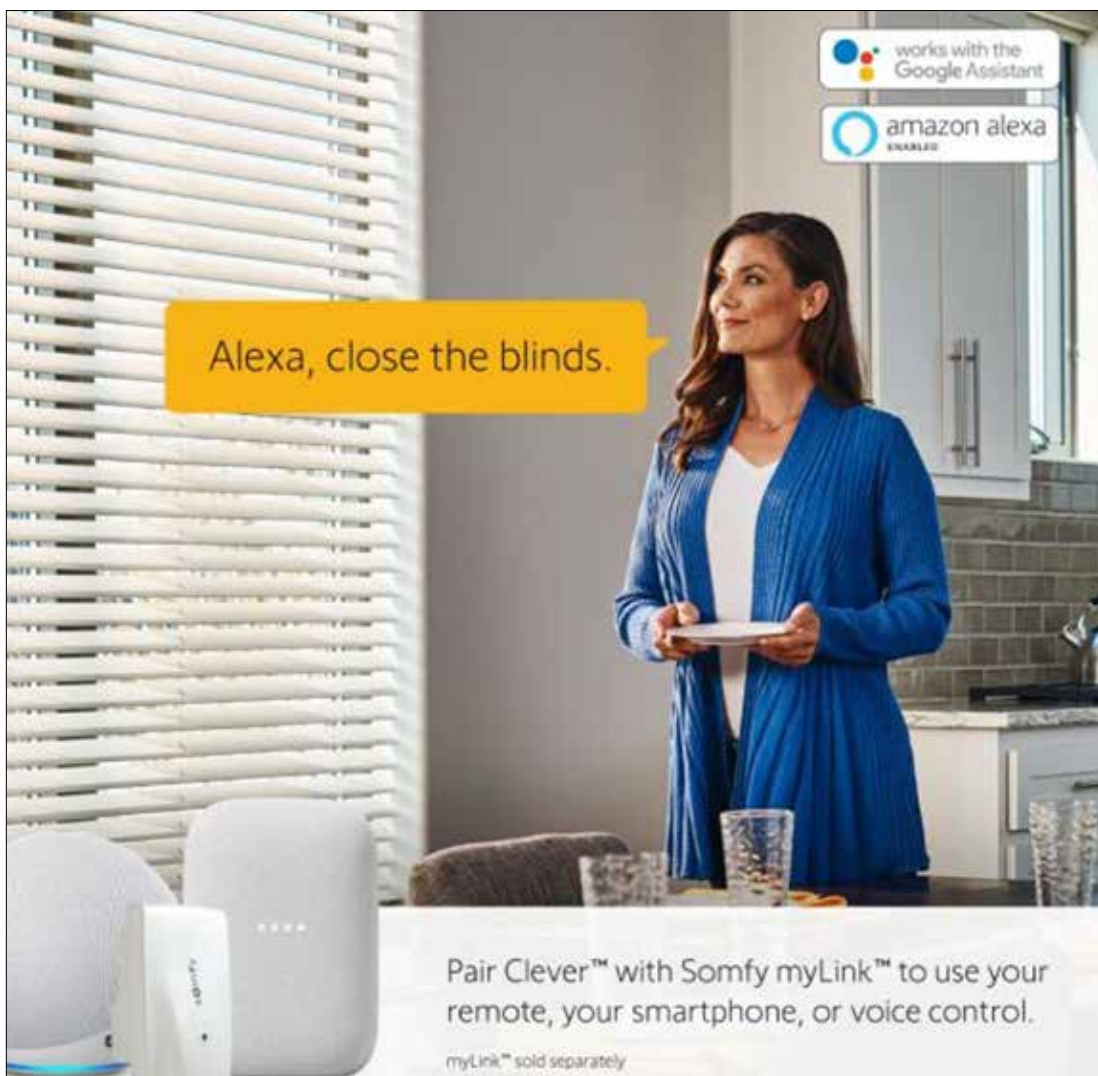
journey into the smart home world simple and accessible.” She added, “By bringing Clever directly to consumers, we are offering them the power to turn their everyday blinds into a motorized solution, using an easy-to-follow installation guide. Automated natural light management is now within their reach with Clever.”

For over 50 years, Somfy has been a leader in smart motorized window coverings for homes across the globe. The Clever™ DIY Tilt Blind Motorization Kit offers everything consumers need to conveniently motorize their existing blinds, as well as a five year warranty. For more information, please visit: [somfysystems.com/clever](http://somfysystems.com/clever)

Somfy has been improving everyday life for more than 270 million people by designing and manufacturing intelligent motorization solutions for interior window coverings and exterior solar protections. Somfy innovates to automate and connect shades, blinds, draperies, awnings, rolling shutters, exterior screens, and pergolas for commercial and residential buildings in 58 countries across the globe. With 170+ million motors produced over the last half-century, Somfy is committed to creating reliable and sustainable solutions that promote the best way of living and well-being for all. For more information, visit [somfysystems.com](http://somfysystems.com)



*The convenient, smart home compatible motorization solution will offer an upgrade to consumers' existing manual blinds, thereby providing seamless control over the home's natural light.*





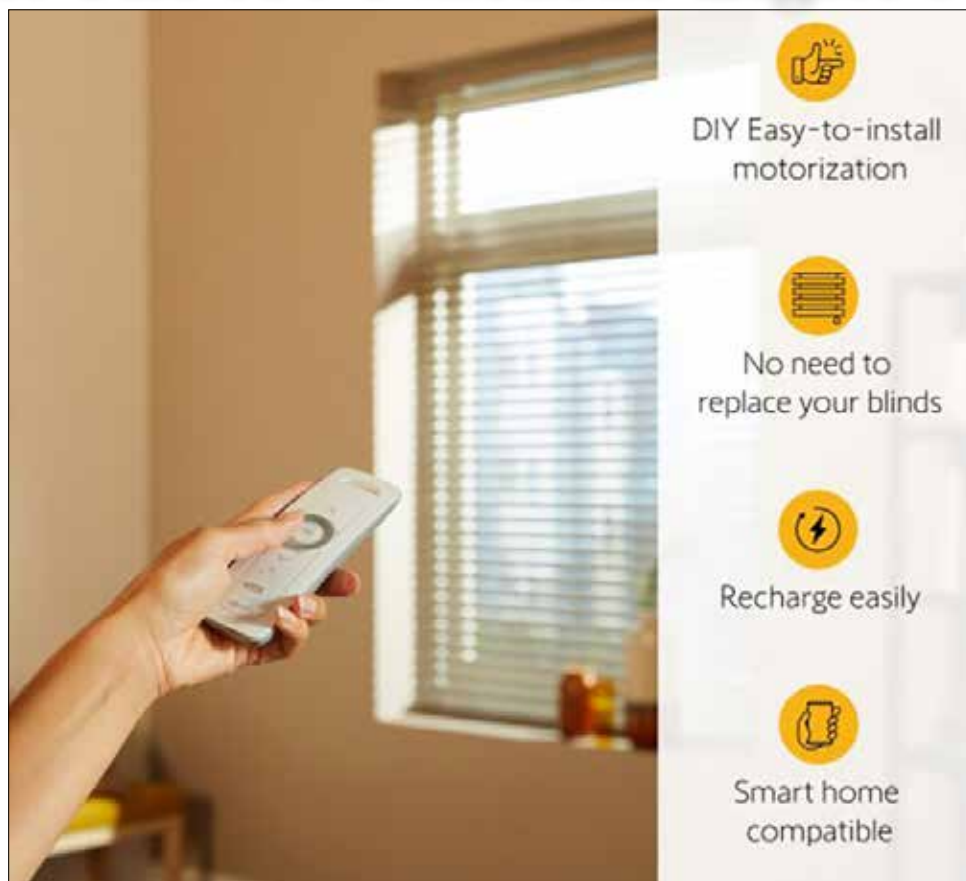
The Clever™ DIY Tilt Blind Motorization Kit is Somfy's first interior do-it-yourself motorization solution to turn blinds into smart blinds.

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DAYTON, N.J. (PRWEB)

Somfy, the world's largest manufacturer of motors for interior window coverings and exterior solar protections, today announces the launch of its Clever™ DIY Tilt Blind Motorization Kit for simple, automated natural light management. Somfy's first interior do-it-yourself motorization solution is aimed at offering the end-user convenient control over indoor light, glare, heat, and privacy via a simple upgrade to their existing blinds.

With just a few everyday tools, consumers can now more easily and conveniently manage natural light in their homes. The easy-to-install motorization kit offers a quick upgrade to a consumer's existing horizontal blinds using a simple three-step process - remove, replace, and remote.



Smart home compatible, Clever can also be paired with the Somfy myLink™ interface as well as the TaHoma® Gateway, both user-friendly devices that include free apps and provide automated control over existing blinds through remote, smartphone, or voice control. These work with a wide variety of smart home systems including Amazon Alexa, Google Home, and more. In addition to this, Clever offers wire-free power and a rechargeable option to consumers along with precision control to incrementally tilt blind slats based on their preferences.

Deirdre Brower, End User Channel Director, said, "At Somfy, our aim is to make our valuable customers'

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