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## Oneida Indian Nation Announces Largest Expansion of Turning Stone Resort Casino in Two Decades



*The multi-year project will nearly double the size of conference and convention space at Turning Stone, already one of the region's largest conference venues. To support the additional conference guests and increased tourism, the expansion will also include a brand-new hotel with approximately 250 rooms, new dining options, outdoor spaces and other amenities.*

**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION  
HOMELANDS, N.Y.  
(PRWEB) SEPTEMBER 06, 2022**

The Oneida Indian Nation today announced plans for the largest expansion and financial reinvestment at Turning Stone Resort Casino in the last 20 years. The massive multi-year project will nearly double the existing convention and meeting space at the resort. To support the increase of convention guests, the expansion will also include a new hotel at Turning Stone, roughly the same size as the Tower Hotel, with approximately 250 guest rooms, as well as new dining options, outdoor spaces and additional amenities. Together, these additions will help attract even more regional and national events from across the country, further increasing tourism to the region.

The expansion project at Turning Stone will result in millions of dollars spent with local businesses and vendors. The Oneida Indian Nation has selected Syracuse-based Hayner Hoyt as the General Contractor and

will also utilize Central New York trade unions, creating hundreds of local construction jobs. The expansion will also support the continued growth of the Oneida Indian Nation's workforce with hundreds of new permanent jobs once completed. Over the last three decades, the Oneida Indian Nation has invested more than \$1 billion in Central New York.

Planning for the multi-year expansion is already underway with ground-breaking expected to take place in 2023.

"As we begin our largest reinvestment in two decades, we embark upon a new chapter for our enterprises, ensuring that we remain one of the top event and tourism destinations in New York for decades to come," said Ray Halbritter, Oneida Indian Nation Representative and Oneida Nation Enterprises CEO. "Today we are experiencing record demand for hosting conferences and other events at Turning Stone that far outpaces our current hotel and convention facilities. This extensive

multi-year expansion project will help us meet this rising need and even greater demand in the future. Our 30-year track record has proven that investments like this are essential to sustain the growth and success of our enterprises and the entire region."

The Oneida Indian Nation has selected world-renowned architecture and design firm Gensler as its development partner for the expansion. Gensler serves more than 3,500 clients in virtually every industry with 52 locations around the world. Gensler has been the lead designer and architect for other leading destinations, including City Center in Las Vegas, Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in Washington and Walt Disney World's Swan Reserve, among many other major resorts and convention centers across the globe.

"Gensler is thrilled to partner with the Oneida Indian Nation on its expansion of Turning Stone Resort Casino," said Lester Yuen, Design Director for Gensler. "This expansion will introduce some game-changing

features to this incredible property, and we are very excited to add this expansion to our portfolio of world-class hospitality and convention projects."

"As one of the largest employers and key contributors for investments that bring millions of visitors to Central New York every year, the Oneida Indian Nation has been a critical driver in the economic development of Oneida County," said Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente. "This latest investment at Turning Stone Resort Casino – the largest in 20 years – expands on this partnership and, along with the Nexus Center, continues our shared goal for the revitalization of Oneida County. We know that when the Oneida Indian Nation does well, Oneida County does well, and the expansion of Turning Stone will help grow this success with increased tourism, new jobs, and more."

"The partnership between the Oneida Indian Nation and the Town of

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Verona has played an important role in our mutual growth and success," said Verona Town Supervisor Scott Musacchio. "Recently, this partnership helped provide water and sewer infrastructure for the Oneida Indian Nation's new employee housing, an innovative approach to increasing affordable housing and growing jobs within our community. Turning Stone's expansion will continue this partnership, injecting significant investment into our local economy, and further establishing Verona as a world-class destination for tourism, conventions, and more."

"At a time when many businesses are postponing or canceling investments, the Oneida Indian Nation is moving forward yet again with a major expansion at Turning Stone that will create good-paying jobs for hundreds of our members and

support the continued growth of our region," said President of the Central/Northern Building Trades Greg Lancette. "Our motto has always been that if the Oneida Indian Nation can dream it, we can build it. We are honored to once again play a part in bringing these dreams to reality."

"Today's announcement by the Oneida Indian Nation is further evidence of the region's growing tourism economy and economic recovery from the global pandemic. Mohawk Valley EDGE welcomes the Oneida Indian Nation's upcoming project and how this investment is fueling the region's economic resurgence," said Mohawk Valley EDGE President Steven DiMeo. "We see this large-scale development as a positive for area businesses who are looking for meeting and convention venues, as well as for those in search of world-class recreational activity. We are happy to call the Oneida Indian

Nation our partners and neighbors in ensuring that our region generates revenue, recreation, and overall community impact for years to come."

"For the last three decades, the Oneida Indian Nation has been an exemplary partner, focused on increasing tourism for the region and committed to investing in its workforce and surrounding communities," said President of CenterState CEO Rob Simpson. "This historic expansion of convention space and hotel rooms at Turning Stone continues this exceptional commitment, and will attract even more businesses and tourists from around the country to Upstate New York."

The Oneida Indian Nation is a federally recognized Indian nation in Central New York. A founding member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (also known as the Six Nations or Iroquois Confederacy),

the Oneida Indian Nation sided with the Americans in the Revolutionary War and was thanked by Congress and President George Washington for its loyalty and assistance. Today, the Oneida Indian Nation consists of about 1,000 enrolled Members, most of them living in Central New York. The Nation's enterprises, which employ more than 4,750 people, include Turning Stone Resort Casino, YBR Casino & Sports Book, Point Place Casino, The Lake House at Sylvan Beach, The Cove at Sylvan Beach, Maple Leaf Markets, SāvOn Convenience stores, Salmon Acres, a hunting preserve, an RV Park and two marinas. Proceeds from these enterprises are used to rebuild the Oneida Indian Nation's economic base and provide essential services, including housing, health care, and education incentives and programs, to its Members. For more information, visit [OneidaIndianNation.com](http://OneidaIndianNation.com).



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**SUB-BIDS REQUESTED**

**Golden Eagle Apartments  
Tillamook, OR**

**Bids Due: 09/22/22 by 3:00 PM**

LMC Construction is requesting proposals for all scopes of work for the Golden Eagle Apartments, a renovation project consisting of 32 units and one office/laundry building.

**Construction to begin in October of 2022**

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

\*This project is not subject to Davis Bacon Residential prevailing wages.

**Bid Contacts:**

Noel Southard ([NoelS@lmcconstruction.com](mailto:NoelS@lmcconstruction.com))

Please submit bids to

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



**19200 SW Teton Avenue  
Tualatin, OR 97062  
P: (503) 646-0521  
F: (503) 646-6823**

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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**CALL FOR BIDS**

**CITY OF LONGVIEW  
RESERVOIR 5 ROOF REPLACEMENT**

**Bids due 2:30 pm, September 27, 2022**

Notice is hereby given that separate sealed bids will be received by the City Manager, City of Longview, City Manager's Office, City Hall, up until **2:30 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2022** and then publicly opened and tabulated for the **Reservoir 5 Roof Replacement** project. The project includes demolition of existing steel columns and wood roof structure and construction of new steel deck structure with EPDM roof membrane, reservoir inlet pipe, submersible mixer, electrical and control and any other incidental work necessary to complete the specified work in accordance with the contract, plans, contract provisions and the standard specifications.

Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, sealed bids will be opened via teleconference at 2:45 PM on September 27, 2022. Please call the number below between 2:30 and 2:45 PM on September 27, 2022:

Toll Free Dial-in: 1-800-501-9384

Conference ID: 7841882

The official clock will be the time/date stamp clock located in the executive office reception area.

Bidding documents may be examined in Owner's office, City of Longview, Washington - Engineering Division, 1525 Broadway, Longview, WA. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Builder's Exchange of Washington website, <http://bxwa.com>. Click on Posted Projects, Public Works, City of Longview and Project Bidding links. These are available for viewing, downloading and printing on your own equipment free of charge. You may also link to the Builder's Exchange website through the City of Longview's Projects Open for Bid page - <https://www.mylongview.com/424/Projects-Open-for-Bid>

It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder to learn of Addendum, if any. Such information may be obtained from the Builder's Exchange of Washington (BXWA) web site, <http://bxwa.com>. Click on Posted Projects, Public Works, City of Longview and Project Bidding links; however, the sole responsibility for obtaining and learning of Addendum belongs to the Bidder. The City of Longview accepts no responsibility or liability and will provide no accommodation to bidders who fail to check for addendums and submit inadequate or incorrect responses.

All work performed on this project will be subject to Washington State prevailing wage rates.

Cash, cashier's check, certified check and/or bid bond in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total

bid price shall accompany all bids.

The City of Longview in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 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 insure 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 on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award. The City of Longview is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. Small, Minority and Women-owned firms are encouraged to submit bids.

Two pre-bid conferences will be held at the site located on Alexia Court 3, Longview, WA on Wednesday September 14, 2022, at 11 a.m. local time and Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. local time. Attendance at one of the pre-bid conferences is strongly encouraged, but not required in order to submit a Bid.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable provisions of the "WSDOT Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge, and Municipal Construction" 2022 Edition, Amendments to the Standard Specifications, "City of Longview Standard Contract", Special Provisions, and Special Technical Provisions included in the contract documents.

The City Council reserves the right to: reject any and/or all bids; accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the City; waive any informalities in the bidding; delay the award of the bid until a regular Council meeting.

Bids must be sealed with the outside of the envelope boldly marked to indicate that it contains a sealed bid, the bid opening date, and the specific project involved.

Technical questions regarding the Plans and Contract Documents should be directed to the City of Longview Project Engineer Ivona Kininmonth at [ivonak@ci.longview.wa.us](mailto:ivonak@ci.longview.wa.us).

For information regarding this bid call or the bid results, phone 360.442.5200 (Pub. Wks. Div.). The division's FAX number is 360.442.5953.

DATED at Longview, Washington, this 1st day of September, 2022.

THE CITY OF LONGVIEW  
Karl Enyeart for Ken Hash  
Public Works Director

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**CITY OF WINSTON  
WESTSIDE SEWER AND  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**Bids due 2:00 pm, September 21, 2022**

Sealed Bids for the Westside Sewer and Roadway Improvements Project for the City of Winston, Douglas County, Oregon (Owner) will be received by Andy Howell, at 201 NW Douglas Blvd, Winston, OR 97496, until 2:00 p.m. (PST), Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately following the specified closing time. All interested parties are invited to attend. Subcontractor declarations must be submitted to the above-mentioned representative no later than 4:00 p.m. (PST), on the day of the bid opening.

A brief description of the scope of work is provided below:

Work shall include sanitary sewer and roadway improvements consisting of 8" sewer replacement, 8" pipe bursting, HMAC, aggregate base, 2" AC grind and inlay, curbing, sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, crosswalk striping, and associated improvements. Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Civil West Engineering, Inc.  
486 'E' Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Ph: (541) 266-8601

City of Winston  
201 NW Douglas Blvd, Winston, OR 97496  
Ph: (541) 679-6739

Bidding Documents can also be examined online at the following location: [www.civilwest.com](http://www.civilwest.com)

To be eligible to Bid and be listed on plan holders' list, bidders must download Bidding Documents and/or purchase them from Engineer. Complete digital project bidding documents are available for Project # 8279034 at [www.civilwest.com](http://www.civilwest.com)

under "Current Bidding". You may download the digital plan documents for \$20.00. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free-membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a nonrefundable price of \$125.00 per set which includes applicable shipping and handling. Please make your check payable to Civil West Engineering Services and send it 486 E Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Please contact us at 541-266-8601 if you have any questions.

A pre-bid conference will be held for this project 9/14/2022 at 10:00 A.M. beginning at City Hall. Attendance to the pre-bid is non-mandatory.

This contract is for public work and is subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. Prevailing wage rates for public works' contracts in Oregon are required for this project. 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 ORS 279C.840 2) a statement as to whether the bidder is a resident bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120.

Dated this 11th day of Aug, 2022.

By order of: Andy Howell

Title: Superintendent, Public Works Department



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## INVITATION TO BID

VISTA ROBLES  
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Bids due 11:00 am, September 27, 2022

ITB #22-35

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Vancouver, Washington, for ITB #22-35: Vista Robles Sewer Improvements bids up to the hour of **11:00 a.m., Pacific Local Time, Tuesday, September 27, 2022** and will publicly open and read aloud at that time on the same day in the Vancouver City Hall, 415 W 6th St, Vancouver, Washington and via an online platform.

This Contract provides for the furnishment and installation of approximately 613 linear feet of 8-inch PVC gravity sewer main, 50 linear feet of 8-inch C900 gravity sewer main and 533 linear feet of 2-inch pressure sewer main including all laterals, manholes, and all appurtenances as shown on the plans and specifications herein. The sewer shall be installed within the existing public rights-of-way in the following streets: NE 137th Avenue, NE 65th Street, NE 66th Street, and NE 67th Street. The Contractor shall restore the existing pavement where trenching takes place as specified herein, and grind and replace the existing pavement outside of the trench areas where shown on the plans and specified herein and other work, all in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications.

The contract work shall be fully complete within 25 Working Days from the Notice to Proceed.

The City of Vancouver 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 of Vancouver is committed to providing equal opportunities to State of Washington certified Minority, Disadvantaged and Women's Business Enterprises in contracting activities. (Section 4 of Chapter 56, Laws of 1975, 1st Ex. Sess., State of Washington).

Bidding documents may be obtained from the City of Vancouver Procurement Services website at: <https://cityofvancouver.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>. These are available for viewing, downloading and printing on your own equipment, free of charge.



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF MYRTLE POINT  
FLORA M. LAIRD MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
RENOVATION

Bids due 2:00 pm, October 5, 2022

## INVITATION TO BID

The City of Myrtle Point will accept sealed bids for the Flora M. Laird Memorial Library Renovation project, at the City of Myrtle Point, 424 Fifth Street, Myrtle Point, Oregon 97458 until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5, 2022**. Submitted bids will be opened immediately thereafter and recorded. The City will not accept bids after the closing date and time. First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Statements are due **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 by 4:00 PM**. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; closed holidays. Hand-delivered Bids will not be accepted when the office is closed.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In general, the Project includes the construction of two small additions, a covered patio, and interior renovations. The project is located at 435 Fifth Street, Myrtle Point, Oregon 97458. PRE-BID CONFERENCE The Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the project site. Attending the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory for Prime Bidders. Interested Contractors, Subcontractors, and Suppliers are invited to attend.

## CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Bidding Documents, including Project Manual, Drawings, and addenda are available for downloading in pdf format from the following designated website: <https://app.box.com/s/hiv6xxj1dylx6vkgut3di1bh9b8rqwjn> Prime Bidders are requested to register their interest by emailing Darin Nicholson, City Manager at [manager@ci.myrtlepoint.or.us](mailto:manager@ci.myrtlepoint.or.us). Official notifications and addenda will be emailed to those who register and

posted on the above website. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from any other source. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

City of Myrtle Point  
424 Fifth Street Myrtle Point, Oregon 97458

## PREVAILING WAGE

This project is a public works project subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

## BID SECURITY

Bidder shall submit a Bid Bond, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Savings and Loan Secured Check, or irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a financial institution for ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount plus additive alternates. NON-RESIDENT BIDDERS In accordance with ORS 279A.120, Bidders will be required to indicate on the Bid Form whether or not the Bidder is an Oregon resident.

## CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION

The City will not consider Bids unless the Bidder (Contractor) is registered with the Construction Contractors Board as required by ORS 701. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT Asbestos work is not anticipated. If asbestos conditions are discovered by Contractor, Contractor shall immediately notify City.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Bidders must be equal opportunity employers and be in compliance with state and federal law.

## OWNER'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

The City of Myrtle Point may hold Bids for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from date bids are due for the purpose of reviewing bid documents and investigating qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding Contract. The City of Myrtle Point reserves the right to reject any Bid for good cause upon finding that it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

## BY INVITATION OF:

Darin Nicholson,  
City Manager  
City of Myrtle Point



## INVITATION TO BID

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT 39  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO REMODEL  
WOODARD CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Applications due 4:00 pm, September 15, 2022

**CALL FOR GC BIDDING PRE-QUALIFICATION THIS INITIAL REQUEST IS FOR LICENSED GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS SHOWING THEY QUALIFY TO BID ON SUCH A PROJECT. TIMELY SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PRE-QUALIFY IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR ACTUAL BIDDING**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS:** Woodard Campus Middle School, 31520 E. Woodard Road, Troutdale, OR 97060. Scope includes structural, architectural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical upgrades to the existing facility 1-story buildings (approximate 7,055 SF) and new building addition (approximate 7,522 SF). Existing construction is wood frame on concrete stem wall foundations. The addition is wood frame and Hybrid PEMB on concrete slab on grade. Remodel of other buildings on site consist of 1,488 SF tenant improvement of existing 3,598 SF office building. Upgrades include, but are not limited to the following: Site - Demolition of exiting storage building, correcting grades to provide drainage away from structures, addition and modification of site sidewalks to meet ADA requirements, modifications to building entrances to meet ADA requirements, addition of paved parking to meet ADA requirement, and structural/seismic upgrades. Building - Removal of interior finishes (carpet, wall coverings, ceilings as required for access, casework, etc.), demolition required for seismic upgrades (roofing, drywall, framing, etc.), demolition required for remodel of existing buildings, seismic upgrades as required to meet

applicable codes (shear walls, roof sheathing, increased nailing patterns, etc.), modification of building transitions to meet ADA requirements, addition of ACT ceilings to allow for mechanical chases, new interior finishes (acoustical wall panels, abuse resistant panels in the corridors, casework, ceramic wainscot in restrooms, sheet goods at classroom sinks, sheet goods at entrances, carpeting in common areas and classrooms, and new paint throughout), new door hardware to meet current codes, all work associated with the modification of interior wall layout to account for required improvements, upgrades and replacement of mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, modification and additions to existing fire alarm/sprinkler system and windows, exterior trim, exterior flashing, and interior window wraps as required. The scope of work must conform to the highest standards prevalent in the commercial building construction industry. Prevailing wages will be as determined by the Bureau of Labor and Industries of Oregon.

**PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION FORMS:** Interested general contractors, who are licensed as such by the Oregon Construction Contractor Board, need to first fill out and return a pre-qualification application. Only general contractors, not subs, need to apply at this time. The intention of the pre-qualification is to enable the Selection Committee to pre-select those general contractors capable of doing the construction based on expertise, resources, track record and ability to meet the timetable. The final bidding on the project will be limited to those who meet the criteria as determined solely by the Selection Committee. The necessary forms are available from Robin at [riindeen@corbett.k12.or.us](mailto:riindeen@corbett.k12.or.us) The fully completed pre-qualification application (three original and one electronic with attachments) must be received in the District Office, Corbett School District 39, 35800 E. Historic Columbia

River Highway, Corbett, OR 97019 no later than 4:00 pm September 15, 2022 to be considered for permission to subsequently bid on the project.

**FOR THOSE WHO TIMELY PRE-QUALIFY:** Bid packages will be provided to qualifying bidders on September 23, 2022. A mandatory pre-bid meeting for the successful pre-qualified applicants will be held at the job site, September 28, 2022. The deadline for actual bids on the projects is currently 4:00 pm October 20, 2022. General Contractors are encouraged to develop and implement a minority business outreach plan, attending Prebid conferences, and providing notice to minority businesses at least ten days prior to bid opening. must identify on their bids the minority businesses that they will use on the project and the total dollar value of the bid that will be performed by minority businesses. We are hopeful and have aspirations to be inclusive with including COBID, DBE, and Locally owned businesses (10-mile radius around project site).

## Preliminary Project Schedule

Advertise Invitation for GC Prequalification September 7, 2022

GC Prequalification due to CSD September 15, 2022 before 4pm

Selected GC's Announced September 21, 2022

Issue bid documents to selected GC's September 23, 2022

Mandatory pre-bid meeting September 28, 2022 at 3pm

Bid Opening October 20, 2022 before 4 pm

Subcontractor breakdown from all bidders October 21, 2022 before 4 pm

Notice of Intent to Award October 25, 2022

Value Engineering if required October 25 to November 11, 2022

Contract approval/Notice to Proceed with Demo November 15, 2022

Substantial Completion June 23, 2023



New report from the 21st Century School Fund, the International WELL Building Institute and the National Council on School Facilities shows massive underinvestment in education facilities, identifies solutions to achieve healthier, more sustainable elementary and secondary schools.

## Annual Funding Gap for Nation’s Public School Buildings Balloons to \$85 Billion

**NEW YORK (PRWEB)**

The 2021 State of Our Schools Report: America’s PK-12 Public School Facilities, released today by the 21st Century School Fund, the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) and the National Council on School Facilities, projects that the United States faces a shortfall of a staggering \$85 billion in school facility funding every year. Districts are spending about \$110 billion every year on maintenance, operations, and capital construction – but the educational facilities standards for good stewardship necessitates nearly \$195 billion. The rise in the nation’s PK-12 gap has been brought on by increased school construction costs, building inventory increases, and a sharp decline in facility expenditures after the great recession.

All this exists despite extraordinary efforts on the part of local communities and states to deliver public school buildings that help protect the health and safety of the students, teachers and staff who walk through their doors every day.

“In our last report in 2016, we saw an annual gap of \$46 billion in school facilities funding—\$60 billion in today’s construction dollars,” said Mary Filardo, executive director, 21st Century School Fund and lead author of the report. “Unfortunately, while local districts are struggling with making facilities safe in a pandemic, they are faced with longstanding deficiencies in their aging infrastructure, which makes this very difficult.”

In the U.S., PK-12 school facilities are the second largest sector of public infrastructure spending behind only highways. However, unlike transportation infrastructure, which has most of its capital costs paid from federal and state sources, local school districts individually bear the heaviest responsibilities for school construction capital funding in most states. Nationally, local districts cover 77 percent of school facility costs, with only 22 percent coming from states. Schools received just over 1 percent from federal funds (\$7.1 billion) for school construction between 2009 and 2019. One third of these federal funds came from FEMA to aid schools after natural disasters.

The U.S. system for funding capital construction projects for public school facilities is no longer sustainable. “While states and the federal government contribute roughly 45 percent and

10 percent respectively to school districts’ annual operating costs, the capital investment required to build and modernize buildings falls most heavily on local districts and taxpayers,” said Rachel Hodgdon, president and CEO of IWBI. “If the financial resources in the community aren’t there, new construction rarely gets funded. Where our children learn matters, and access to safe, healthy and equitable learning environments should be a right, not a privilege.”

The data from this report shows that the system is broken and has been for decades. Local districts held nearly half a trillion dollars in long-term debt at the end of fiscal year 2019. This represents a national average of slightly more than \$11,000 per student. The poorest districts, particularly small and rural ones, cannot even afford to borrow capital to address their aging facilities.

Across the nation, local school districts work hard to deliver healthy and safe public-school facilities that offer suitable learning environments. They support ongoing operations and maintenance in annual operating budgets and invest in buildings and grounds construction and improvements in capital budgets. But every year the shortfall increases in both budgets, leaving school districts unprepared to provide adequate and equitable school facilities.

The \$85 billion gap between what is needed for good stewardship and what districts and states have done occurs both in capital outlays and operations and maintenance.

Annually, U.S. public school districts spent an average of \$54.1 billion on capital improvements from fiscal years 2009 to 2019 (in 2020 dollars), leaving a capital investment gap of \$57.4 billion.

Annually, the U.S. spent an average of \$56 billion on facilities operations and maintenance, leaving a maintenance and operations gap of \$27.6 billion.

“Closing these annual funding gaps must be a top priority. We have Title I for the classroom. We need a Title I for school facilities as well. This will ensure that all public schools meet modern standards for health, safety, learning, and environmental sustainability and resiliency,” said Juan Mireles, president, National Council on School Facilities and director of facilities and transportation services, California Department of Education. “Too many of our

schools are just old and worn out, with inadequate ventilation for clean air, which is a must during this pandemic. The recent 2020 GAO study on the condition of our nation’s public schools found that thousands of school districts have at least half of their schools in need of updates or replacements of key building systems or features.”

When comparing the funding for school districts across socioeconomic, race, ethnicity and location, the disparities were profound. On average, school districts with high levels of economically disadvantaged students spent less per school than well-off suburban communities. These structural inequities are also found in and often compounded by racial and ethnic composition and the locations of the districts. Rural districts serving high poverty public school communities have funded capital improvements at almost half the level of the national average—\$2.3 million on average per school compared to \$4.3 million per school.

“This is another area where those who have the least suffer the most,” said Hodgdon. “Schools that are in a state of disrepair—suffering from poor indoor air quality due to lack of ventilation and proper filtration and compromised water quality—are often in the most disadvantaged communities. These schools weren’t sufficient before the pandemic; today, in many cases, they are just plain dangerous.”

With more than one-sixth of the entire U.S. population inside PK-12 public school buildings each weekday, modernizing and replacing old public schools can have a major impact on the health and performance of both students and staff. These efforts can also enable communities to conserve land, energy and water, reduce carbon emissions, and in the face of climate change, protect lives and reduce the level of relief funding needed following disasters.

“At Carrier, we’re committed to creating enhanced learning environments that have been shown to improve the health, well-being and cognitive function of students and staff,” said Greg Alcorn, vice president, Healthy Buildings, Carrier, a platinum sponsor of the report. “This report shines a light on long-standing deficiencies and needs for air quality and safety upgrades in many of our schools, and also the opportunity that with the right strategies in place, a healthier and safer indoor environment can be achieved.”

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#### 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.



# Somfy Unveils Clever™ DIY Tilt Blind Motorization Kit for Natural Light Management

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.

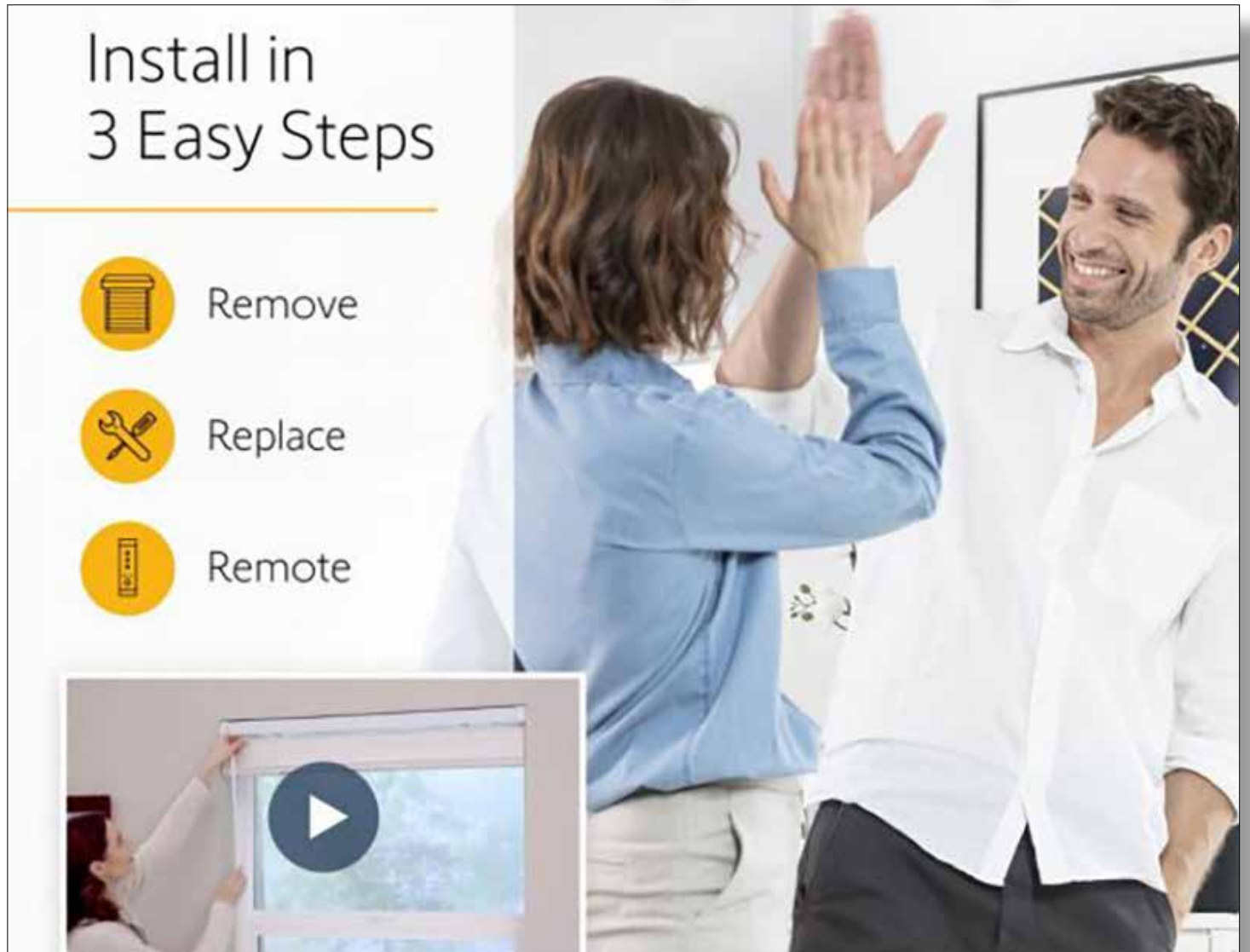
With just a few everyday tools, consumers can now more easily and conveniently manage natural light in their homes. The easy-to-install motorization kit offers a quick upgrade to a consumer's existing horizontal blinds using a simple three-step process - remove, replace, and remote.

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' 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: [somyfsystems.com/clever](http://somyfsystems.com/clever)

Somfy has been improving everyday life for more than 270 million people by designing and manufacturing intelligent motorization solutions for



*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.*



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 <http://www.somyfsystems.com>

**Compatible Horizontal Blinds:**

- ✓ Metal headrails
- ✓ 2 to 2 ½ inches in depth (measured front to back)
- ✓ Wood, composite material, or imitation wood
- ✓ Cord to raise and lower

**Non-Compatible Blinds:**

- ✗ Plastic headrails
- ✗ Cordless
- ✗ Vinyl, aluminum or mini blinds





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**- Brad Hart, CEO of OrePac Building Products.**

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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.



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

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### 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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