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Grants and Training Opportunities Now Available for Oregon Small Businesses

Oregon Economic & Community Development Department Launches Initiative to Increase Competitiveness of Small Businesses

SALEM, OR—The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) announced a new round of grants and training opportunities to assist Oregon Small Businesses with access to federal funding opportunities. The grants strive to increase Oregon's competitiveness in capturing Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants. These two federal grant programs provide funding to small businesses for research and development of new technologies.

The grant program will help offset the costs of SBIR/STTR proposal preparation for Oregon small businesses. SBIR/STTR applicants are encouraged to apply for this program, which provides matching funds on a one-to-one basis for proposal preparation expenses. For more information and to download an application visit: www.oregon4biz.com/sbir.htm

In addition, OECDD is co-sponsoring SBIR/STTR training workshops with the Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition. The workshops will be held March 25-27, 2008 at the Portland State Business Accelerator in Portland. For more information about the workshops please visit: <http://www.sbiroregon.org/>

Oregon Economic and Community Development Department

The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department provides economic, community and cultural enhancement throughout the state. The Department administers programs that assist businesses, communities and people. Oregon's economic development system is designed to meet the state's changing economy, provide flexibility in funding statewide and regional needs, and focus on funding economic and community development services for rural and distressed communities. Visit www.oregon4biz.com for more information on doing business in Oregon.

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