

## Bond Projects Make Use of Local Sub-Contractors

The District has been very grateful for the support shown by the community for our school construction projects. One important goal we have had for these projects has been to provide a boost to the local economy. Not only does this happen when the contractors spend their dollars locally at restaurants, gas stations and the hardware store, but also by using local sub-contractors on the jobs.

The District worked in cooperation with the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) to define what constitutes a local sub-contractor. The BOC is a group of community residents who have volunteered their time and talents to review spending on the bond construction projects to ensure that the spending is consistent with what was promised to the voters. Based on the BOC's recommendation, a local sub-contractor was defined as one located within a 50-mile radius of Philomath.

Public contracting laws required that the school district select the lowest bidder on "design-bid-build" projects, though consideration was given to firms that utilized processes that would make sub-contractor opportunities available to local firms. We have been very pleased with our general contractors Baldwin Construction of Albany (Blodgett and Middle School), Greenberry Construction of Corvallis (Philomath Elementary) and Skanska USA of Portland (Philomath High School). Each has gone the extra mile in meeting their commitments, provided outstanding service and selected outstanding local sub-contractors.

As of December 2011, three of our initial projects are essentially complete. Those are the renovation projects at Blodgett Elementary, Philomath Elementary and Philomath Middle School. For these three projects, a total of \$2,368,131 (**84%**) was paid to local contractors. This is an excellent achievement in the implementation of this construction bond measure for these three projects.

		Percentage of Work <u>Using Local Subs</u>	Dollars Paid to <u>Local Contractors</u>
Baldwin Construction	Blodgett Elementary	95.14%	\$ 299,626
Greenberry Construction	Philomath Elementary	83.76%	\$1,393,050
Baldwin Construction	Philomath Middle	78.59%	\$ 675,455

(note – data on the high school will be reported at a future date)