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Port of Coos Bay Commission Authorizes Rail Tunnel Bid Award

The Board of Commissioners of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay at their June 22, 2009, meeting approved a motion for Intent to Award a contract for the Coos Bay Rail Line 2009 Tunnel Maintenance/Rehabilitation Project and authorized Port Executive Director Jeffrey Bishop to execute a contract with the apparent low bidder, pending final project review by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation Rail Division (ODOT Rail).

Project bid opening was held at 2:05 p.m. June 18, at the Port office in Coos Bay. LRL Construction Co. of Tillamook is the apparent low bidder at \$1,732,648. Other bids included Drill Tech Drilling and Shoring Inc., Antioch, CA, \$2,054,050; MERCO Engineering Contractors, Lebanon, NJ, \$2,312,150; and Johnson Western Gunitite, San Leandro, CA, \$2,346,300. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on site May 27, 2009, and five firms completed the pre-bid qualification process. All bids received appear complete.

The 2009 tunnel rehabilitation project will be paid for by a \$2.5 million grant award authorized by the Oregon Transportation Commission through funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Approval of construction documents by FHWA and ODOT Rail is expected near the end of June, with a project start date in early July. Construction is expected to take approximately six months.

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