

News and Information from **Oregon International Port of Coos Bay**

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Port hosts meeting for contractors interested in bidding on rail line rehabilitation

Businesses and contractors interested in learning about potential bid opportunities for reconstruction projects and maintenance work on the Coos Bay rail line are invited to a public town hall meeting. The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, May 23, at the Coos Bay Public Library large meeting room, 525 Anderson Ave.

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay purchased the 133-mile rail line between Coquille and Eugene in 2009. The Port has received approximately \$25 million to rehabilitate the rail line, including tunnels, bridges, water crossings and track infrastructure. The Port anticipates re-opening the line for partial service this summer and full service in the fall.

At the town hall meeting, Port staff and project engineers will provide a presentation on how the line will be rehabilitated. Information will include an explanation of a typical bid process; how funding requirements affect contracting guidelines; and insurance, bonding and qualification requirements in addition to other issues. Discussion may address opportunities for businesses to partner and contractors will have an opportunity to network with other local businesses. Companies also will learn where to look for bid notices and opportunities associated with railroad and Port projects.

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