

Federal stimulus adds funding for 7 Oregon Military Department projects

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The Oregon Military Department has added an additional seven projects to the 18 already approved by the Oregon legislature by obtaining additional federal stimulus monies from the National Guard Bureau. "This is a fantastic way to combine both state and federal dollars to assist with our facilities maintenance back log at other installations throughout Oregon," said Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director Oregon Military Department. The projects were selected based on priorities that would reduce energy consumption or modernize utilities, solve health and safety concerns or improve living conditions of building users, as well as facilities requiring reroofing. State stimulus money for all projects is more than \$4.3 million while federal stimulus is more than \$3.5 million. Each project will contain multiple subprojects including plumbing, information systems rewiring, interior and exterior upgrades, as well as replacing windows and appliances with more energy efficient versions. "This is an outstanding way to create and sustain jobs while also modernizing facilities, which can be used by the communities throughout the state for years to come," said Roy Swafford, project manager for the Oregon Military Installations Department. All projects are scheduled to be out for bid by the end of March. Stimulus projects will take place at facilities in Albany, Bend, Clackamas, Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, Roseburg, Salem and other installations in Central Oregon.

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