



## Workgroup on statewide e-permitting

### Vision: Statewide E-permitting

*A statewide e-permitting system is an interoperable, Web-based system or network that allows both businesses and individuals to conduct a wide range of building department-related business online, anywhere in the state, 24/7.*

### Statewide system features:

- Online application and purchase of building permits
- Online inspection scheduling
- E-submission and tracking of plans and projects
- E-tracking of inspections
- E-notification to contractors of project status
- Address locator
- Consistent permitting processes statewide
- Integrates (interoperates) with jurisdictions' existing permitting systems
- Operational 24/7
- Captures and tracks statewide construction activity data
- Allows data-sharing among the state, local building departments, fire and other public safety departments

### E-permitting pilot

The Department of Consumer and Business Services through BCD has developed a pilot e-permitting Web site that is the first stage of a multi-stage effort to offer building department services online statewide and promote economic development.

The site, [www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov](http://www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov) allows contractors to apply and pay for over-the-counter mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits online. This Web site illustrates the potential of savings to business and governments.

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### Background

Thanks to Governor Kulongoski's regulatory streamlining legislation, DCBS was given authority to implement an e-permitting pilot project in the Portland region. Launched in May 2005, the e-permitting pilot Web site was an instant favorite of contractors who said e-permitting saved them time and money. In December 2005, House Interim Chair of Business, Labor & Consumer Affairs, Alan Brown, appointed the Statewide E-permitting Legislative Workgroup, including Rep. Mike Schaufler and Rep. Kevin Cameron, to explore expanding the successful e-permitting pilot into a fully interoperable, statewide system designed to save both business and government time and money.

### Web site captures e-permitting workgroup progress

Find the latest news and developments of the statewide e-permitting project and legislative workgroup at [www.Oregon-epermitting.info](http://www.Oregon-epermitting.info). BCD developed the site to include project updates and contact information. Members will receive an e-mail when the site is updated.

### Workgroup subcommittee to interview consultants

At its Feb. 22nd meeting, the legislative workgroup recommended the division retain a consultant to research options for a statewide interoperable e-permitting system. A subcommittee was formed to oversee the selection and work product of the consultant.

The consultant's task is to identify plan review, e-permitting and inspection-tracking requirements and local capabilities. The consultant's analysis and report will include:

- Software options for a statewide system
- A project plan
- Start-up and maintenance costs

### Timeline

- Feb: Kick-off meeting
- March: Prepare RFP for consultant (workgroup subcommittee)
- April: Select consultant (workgroup subcommittee)
- May-June: Consultant prepares report, subcommittee reviews initial draft
- July: Workgroup meets and reviews consultant's report

### Next workgroup meeting

The next full workgroup meeting is in July, time and place to be announced.

