



FACT SHEET

House Bill 2405

Electronic permitting (e-permitting)



House Bill 2405 creates the nation's first statewide e-permitting program, providing Oregonians access to services for any location or building site in the state through a one-stop e-permitting Web site. The Web site will allow Oregonians to:

- Apply, pay, and receive permits online 24/7
- Submit plans electronically for review and tracking
- Schedule, track, and receive inspection reports

One of the Governor's 31 regulatory streamlining bills to make it easier to do business in Oregon.

BENEFITS

- Streamlines construction permitting, enhancing the state's economic competitiveness
- Enhances customer county and city customer service by allowing staff to spend more time on unique customer questions and concerns, rather than processing administrative paperwork
- Provides contractors with a more predictable building environment and regulatory process
- Reduced customer trips to city and county building departments, improving contractor efficiency and cutting air pollution and traffic congestion

PILOT PROJECT

The statewide program will build on the existing e-permitting project at www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov. Currently this site, hosted by the Department of Consumer and Business Services' (DCBS) Building Codes Division, lets contractors to apply and pay for simple electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits from multiple cities and counties. Fifteen cities and counties throughout the state are selling permits through the site. In just two years of operation, contractors have purchased more than 10,000 permits.

NEXT STEPS

- DCBS will issue an RFP (request for proposals) to purchase a commercial off-the-shelf permitting program
- DCBS will continue to add jurisdictions to the existing e-permitting site, www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.gov.

TIME FRAME

The project has a 10-year timeline.

BUDGET

The projected budget for the project is \$4.5 million per year over a 10-year period. Funds will be collected through a 4 percent surcharge on all building permits sold in Oregon starting January 1, 2008.