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MECHANICAL CODE FORUM SLATED FOR AUGUST 9

(Portland) The Tri-County Building Industry Service Board has begun a series of forums to help ensure the consistent application of building codes in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. The first mechanical code forum is scheduled for **Thursday, August 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the Multnomah Building Commission Meeting Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Street at the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge. The forum is open to all mechanical contractors, building officials and inspection staff members. Parking is available at a lot across the street. On-street parking in the area is not metered.

The purpose of the code forums is to discover and to discuss inconsistent code applications in the tri-county region, and to come to consensus about consistent installation and inspection standards. For example, a contractor may find that a certain installation is acceptable in several jurisdictions in the region, but that adjustments need to be made to it for inspectors in other jurisdictions. The code panel is interested in discussing such cases. The forums will be held quarterly at the same location and time of day. Upcoming forums are scheduled for November 29 of this year plus February 28 and May 30 of 2002.

A panel of industry and building department code experts will lead the discussion. Members include:

Oregon City Building Official, Guy Sperb,
Senior Inspectors, Dave Rock, Portland and Alan Lajimodiere, Gresham
Plans Examiner, Rick Sterling, Washington County
Industry Representatives, Mark Stenberg, Local 290 and Chip Ayers, Albina Wholesale
State Code Chief Representative, Mike Ewert, Building Codes Division
Engineer, Marcia Karr, Hunter-Davisson

The panel is interested in hearing about inconsistent practices and invites all participants to fax questions or observations to the Tri-County Service Center before the meeting, at 503-872-6735 in Portland.

Anyone planning to attend should contact Marion Peterson at the center, 503-872-6731.

The Tri-County Service Center is an office of the Oregon Building Codes Division. The center was created by the 1999 Legislature to improve services and consistency of requirements for persons seeking permitting and licensing approvals on construction projects in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties. The 13-member Tri-County Building Industry Service Board provides overall policy guidance for the center, with representation from all segments of the construction industry and local government.

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