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TRI-COUNTY BUILDING INDUSTRY SERVICES BOARD MEETS

(Salem) The Tri-County Building Industry Services Board will meet Wednesday, January 12 in the Wilsonville city council chambers at 9:30 a.m. The 13-member, governor-appointed board was created by the 1999 legislature's passage of S.B. 512. It is charged with ensuring uniform practices and procedures for the building and construction industries in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties.

The board had its first organizational meeting on December 21, and elected Multnomah County Commissioner Lisa Naito as chair. Terry Dieter, of Intel Corporation, was elected vice-chair. The board also created subcommittees on forms and process, minor labels, and fees.

In addition to Naito and Dieter, board members are: Judy C. Bauman, LINK Community Development Corporation; Sue Blatner, George Morlan Plumbing; Jim L. Chapman, Legend Homes Corporation; Michael Cliburn, Clackamas County building official; Jim A. Ferris, Red's Electric Company, Inc.; Jeffery J. Grunewald, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue; Ray J. Kerridge, City of Portland Planning Office; John B. Lape, architect; Ronald J. Murray, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290; Forest C. Soth, Beaverton City Council; Rob L. Yorke, Jr., Yorke and Curtis, Inc.

A task force appointed by the 1997 legislature studied the building permit and inspection processes in the 27 local jurisdictions that provide building permit, plan review and inspection services in the metro area, and proposed S.B. 512. The task force included representatives of the construction industry, labor organizations, and government.

In addition to the board, S.B. 512 created a metro service center to help improve building program service and uniformity in the three counties. The state Building Codes Division is currently developing the center, which it plans open for business by July 1 of next year.

The tri-county board plans to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The February 9 meeting is also scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the Wilsonville city council chambers. Individuals interested in providing input to the board or its subcommittees should contact the Building Codes Division at 503-373-1227.