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Paula Simone, Public Service Education, Department Chair, Central Oregon Community College

On behalf of the \$9.5M request for the CORE3 emergency services response and training center.

Currently in the Central Oregon region, there are insufficient facilities to meet the region's need for coordinated emergency response and recovery, training and preparedness. Additionally, Redmond itself has been identified as the staging ground should the Cascadia event or other large scale disaster occur. This facility would be a significant facility as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in any catastrophic event. The facility, in addition to an EOC, would provide for high quality facilities for ongoing and specialized training for our safety personnel in Central Oregon and other areas of the state.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support for public safety and emergency management in Oregon,
Paula Simone