

THE MULTI-USE STADIUM AT THE LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Lease Crutcher Lewis (Lewis) has been a Pacific Northwest general contractor for 138 years with a long history of completing impactful projects in Oregon and across many cities in Lane County. We were awarded the role of CM/GC on the Lane County Multi-Use Facility/Eugene Emeralds Baseball Stadium Project, and we write to encourage support for the Project.

With an office in Eugene, Lewis understands the positive economic benefits that a project of this scale brings to Lane County, both in construction and subsequent operations of the venue. Job creation for those involved in the construction, the services and regional businesses benefit and share in the economic growth this project will provide. Like all our projects, the Baseball Stadium Project will enhance the quality of life, provide economic prosperity, efficiently use the earth's resources, support diverse communities, and promote opportunity and social equity.

Community Benefits Bidding As a component of the Lane County Multi-Use Facility/Eugene Emeralds Baseball Stadium Project, Lewis will partner with Lane County and institute their Community Benefits Bidding Program.

As a condition of this program, contractors and subcontractors in several key trades will be required to:

- **Pay a living wage for employed trade workers onsite.**
- **Provide employer-paid full-family health coverage for employed trade workers on-site.**
- **Register as an Apprentice Training Agent/Employer and promote apprentice participation in the project.**

Investing In Our Communities Lewis has an excellent track record of actively engaging local businesses and suppliers and achieving high levels of local participation for projects completed in the South Willamette Valley. We diligently utilize local resources and buy locally wherever possible rather than transporting labor and/or materials from afar. If a specialty scope of work or ORS bidding regulations result in non-local crews, our team will work to promote benefits to local businesses.

Based on our latest estimate, as much as \$25,000,000 of the Baseball Stadium Project costs would go directly to wages to support construction jobs in the region.

Commitment to Equity and Diversity Lewis is a place for everyone, and we welcome people of all races, ethnicities, genders and backgrounds. We want our employees to represent our diverse communities and the unique clients we work for. Lewis strives to cultivate and maintain a diverse workforce through skilled implementation of outreach, workforce training and hiring and direct solicitation programs. We currently employ women and people of color in every role, ranging from carpenters and laborers to project managers and executives. Our current workforce consists of 200 professional staff and craftspeople, of which 33 percent are women and BIPOC.

Lewis has achieved exceptional MWESB/DV participation rates on our projects, with as much as 100% of all subcontracted value and a 26% company-wide average awarded to MWESB/DV subs in recent years. Additionally, we have achieved 20% apprenticeship utilization rates on multiple projects, often exceeding 20% of overall minority participation. We actively mentor apprentices, believing it is part of our company culture—giving back to our community and sharing the living wage careers available in construction. We will bring this commitment to the Baseball Stadium Project.

In Conclusion The Lane County Events Center/Eugene Emeralds Baseball Stadium Project is a truly transformative and impactful opportunity to reinvest in Lane County and the surrounding community. We plan to reinvest project funds into the community through new jobs for local and MWESB/DV subcontractor partnerships, promoting local businesses, services and goods, and our continued participation in non-profit organizations and programs.



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