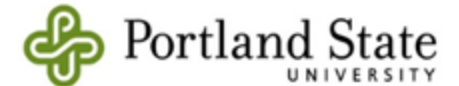


2026 Apprenticeship Report Oregon Public Universities

February 2026



Background

ORS 350.379 (SB 455, 2019)

Sets requirements for capital construction contracts at public institutions of higher education that are:

1. For improvements to real property,
2. Estimated to cost over \$8 million, *and*
3. Are to be paid, in whole or in part, using state-issued bond proceeds.

Bonding Bills* (2020 – 2025)

Set additional requirements for public university capital construction projects receiving state bond proceeds under Article XI-Q and Article XI-G.

* *SB 5721 (2020 – 2nd Special Session), SB 5505 (2021), SB 5701 (2022), HB 5005 (2023), HB 5201 (2024), SB 5505 (2025)*

Both sets of requirements also apply to subcontracts at or above \$200,000.

Reporting

The public universities are required to report by February 1 of each year on all qualifying projects. **The full report was submitted in January 2026.**

Reporting Requirement

ORS 350.379

Bonding Bills (2020 – 2025)

Amount of Work Performed by **Apprentices**



15% Requirement for Eligible Work Hours

Amount of Work Performed by **Women**



Amount of Work Performed by
Minority Individuals



15% Aspirational Target

Amount of Work Performed by **Veterans**



Types and Costs of Health and Retirement **Benefits Offered to Workers**





Projects

For work completed on contracts by November 30, 2025.

Active Qualifying Projects

Eastern Oregon University:

- Inlow Hall Renovation, Phase II

Oregon Institute of Technology:

- Geothermal Emergency Project

Oregon State University:

- Jen-Hsun Huang and Lori Mills Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex
- Gilkey Hall Renovations
- Richardson Hall Chiller and Controls Replacement
- Kelley District Utility Plant

Portland State University:

- Vernier Science Center
- Gateway Project for Art + Design

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- Smith Memorial Student Union
- Portland Center for the Performing Arts Academic Building

Southern Oregon University

- Central Hall Capital Improvements, Phase II

University of Oregon

- Heritage Renovation Project (University & Villard Halls)
- Friendly Hall Renovation
- Child Behavioral Health Building

Western Oregon University

- Student Success Center
- Data Center

Eastern Oregon University: Inlow Hall Renovation, Phase II

- Critical safety upgrades; water and air intrusion mitigation; building envelope renewal to historical preservation standards; ADA updates; seismic improvements; and rehabilitation of classrooms and labs.
- Construction began in September 2023 and ended in August 2025.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
22%	9%	1%	<1%

Oregon State University: Jen-Hsun Huang and Lori Mills Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex

- Construction of an interdisciplinary Innovation Hub designed to foster academic collaboration with research and industry. The facility will house a supercomputer and support work in AI, climate science, clean water, and microelectronics.
- Construction began in late 2023 with completion targeted for winter 2026.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
19%	35%	3%	1%

Oregon State University: **Gilkey Hall Renovations**

- Renovation of the second and third floors and relocation of an academic unit. Includes accessibility upgrades, seismic strengthening, and roof replacement.
- Construction began in summer 2024.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
10%	17%	0%	0%

Oregon State University:

Richardson Hall Chiller and Controls Replacement

- Richardson Hall Chiller and Controls project includes the replacement of the existing chiller with a high efficiency mag bearing chiller and replaced the pneumatic building controls with a DDC controls system. The project also includes air handler renewals, heat recovery system renewals, fire alarm system replacement, and other minor renewals to existing building systems.
- The Richardson Hall Chiller and Controls project started design and building assessment in summer 2022 with early construction preparation starting in summer 2023. Construction is 95% complete with main building systems in commissioning and final testing. Demobilization and project close out is planned for June 2026.

Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
29%	8%	1%	1%

Oregon State University: **Kelley District Utility Plant**

- Renewal and expansion of cooling plant equipment at the Kelley Engineering Center, providing cooling to four facilities with options for expansion. The project included the renewal of the plant’s generator and main electrical service entrance, and added a heat-recovery chiller to provide simultaneous winter heating and cooling.
- Project began in summer 2022.

Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
11%	13%	17%	3%

Portland State University: Vernier Science Center

- Renovation of the 1962 Science Building 1 into a model teaching facility with active learning classrooms and undergraduate labs.
- Project is 100% complete.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
22%	39%	13%	1%

Portland State University: Gateway Project for Art + Design

- Creates a new art and design building with student spaces, studios, teaching spaces, materials storage and gallery/exhibit spaces to promote enrollment, public partnerships and exposure to the local workforce opportunities.
- Construction began in fall 2024 and was ~70% complete as of December 31, 2025.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
21%	24%	5%	4%

Portland State University: Smith Memorial Student Union

- Significant upgrades to the Smith Memorial Student Union, including replacement of major supply fans and upgrades to the roof and elevators.
- The project has recently begun work.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
3%	0%	3%	0%

Portland State University: Portland Center for the Performing Arts Academic Building

- Construction of a new Center for the Performing Arts Academic Building, including a 3,000-seat performing arts facility and a 1,200-seat secondary venue, along with supporting academic spaces, a 150-room hotel, restaurants, bars, and other supporting spaces.
- Construction will begin in 2028.



Southern Oregon University: Central Hall Capital Improvements, Phase II

- Renovation of Central Hall. Phase II work includes completing the basement and top floor, as well as building-wide system upgrades, to allow Central Hall to be fully reoccupied for use by students.
- Design Development drawings are complete; **bidding is anticipated for February 2026.**



University of Oregon: Heritage Project (University & Villard)

- Renovation of the university's founding classrooms to adequately accommodate modern learning, including essential accessibility, heating/cooling, roof, plumbing, and seismic updates.
- Construction was completed in 2025, and both buildings are occupied for the 2025-2026 academic year.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
22%	22%	3%	7%

University of Oregon: **Friendly Hall Renovation**

- Complete renovation of the third-oldest building on campus, including seismic, safety, and security upgrades; improvements to more than 100 offices and workstations; construction of more utilizable classrooms; and improving ADA compliance.
- Construction began in summer 2025.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
8%	20%	8%	<1%

University of Oregon: **Child Behavioral Health Building**

- Construction of a new facility on the UO's Portland campus to house the Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health and the Prevention Science Institute facility in Portland.
- The building will be approximately three stories and 54,000 gross sq ft, and include two classrooms, a behavioral health clinic, a telehealth center, offices and collaboration spaces, as well as reception and waiting room areas.
- **The project is currently in the design phase.**

Western Oregon University: Student Success Center

- Modernization of the former 1965 College of Education facility. The new center houses core student services, including academic advising, tutoring, disability access services, first-generation student support, and the Center for Professional Pathways.
- Center opened to students in January 2025.



Apprentices	Minority Individuals <small>(as defined in ORS 200.005)</small>	Women	Veterans
20%	34%	2%	2%

Western Oregon University: Data Center

- Construction of a ~22,000 sq. ft. Data Center with a server room, offices, cubicle spaces, a help desk, and an Emergency Response Center that can also be a classroom or training annex.
- **The WOU Data Center Project is not yet in the design phase.** An RFP for Architectural bids will be submitted in early Spring, 2026.

