



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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For the week ending August 14, 2009

## OREGON COAST

- **Rue Royale**, a catering business and produce store, opened in **Astoria**. *Daily Astorian*, 8-5-09
- **Advanced Research Corporation** in **Newport** won a contract from **Oregon Wave Energy Trust** to conduct a wave energy infrastructure assessment. The trust's goal is to produce two megawatts of wave energy electricity by 2010. *News Times*, 8-5-09
- **Quick Cut** hair salon opened in **Newport**. *News Times*, 8-12-09
- **James C. Casterline** opened a legal practice in **Seaside**. It specializes in real estate and business law. *Daily Astorian*, 8-6-09

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Brammo Powercycles** in **Ashland** is earning praise in advance of its commercial debut of the Enertia, an electric motorcycle. It received \$10 million last fall from private investors, including Best Buy Co. Inc.'s venture capital fund. Brammo ramped up production and increased its staff from 12 to 50 over the past six months. The motorcycle will hit the market sometime in August, starting at Portland area Best Buy stores. *Medford Mail Tribune*, 8-11-09
- **Pacific Manufacturing Corp.**, a **Green-area** business that constructed log yarders and accessories, closed. It employed six people. *The News-Review*, 8-9-09

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Epic Aircraft** in **Bend** closed and the remaining employees have been laid off. *KTVZ.com*, 8-11-09
- **Life, Love, Yoga** studio opened in **Sisters**. *The Nugget*, 8-11-09
- **10 Barrel Brewing** in **Bend** will open a brew pub by late fall or early winter. *Bend Bulletin*, 8-7-09
- **The Abbey Pub** opened in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin*, 8-8-09
- **Community First Bank of Prineville** was declared insolvent by the Oregon Department of Business and Consumer Services. The bank's branches reopened as Nampa, Idaho-based Home Federal Bank. All employees except senior managers kept their jobs. *Bend Bulletin*, 8-11-09

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## EASTERN OREGON

- **Pioneer West** opened near **Joseph** with three staff members. It offers agricultural and irrigation equipment as well as heavy duty work clothes. *Wallowa County Chieftain, 7-23-09*
- **Integrated Biomass Resources** will open in **Wallowa**. It will use waste wood and byproducts to create fire logs and log briquettes, eventually employing three to 10 people. *Wallowa County Chieftain, 7-30-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **RM International Inc.** in **Portland** – a test-engineering and contract staffing firm that provides professional drivers, technicians, engineers, and support staff – will lay off 109 people after losing its contract to provide services to Daimler Trucks North America. *Portland Business Journal, 8-7-09*
- **Integrated Device Technology** will close its aging **Hillsboro** fabrication plant in two years and contract its manufacturing to a company in Taiwan. The San Jose, Calif.-based company said the facility, which at its peak employed 380 people, can no longer produce leading-edge technology and upgrading the facility would cost billions. *The Oregonian, 8-11-09*
- **Dessert Noir Cafe & Bar** in **Beaverton** closed. *The Oregonian, 8-6-09*
- **Climax Portable Machine Tools** in **Newberg** won a \$1.5 million contract from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Climax was hired as part of a project to refurbish the Markland Locks on the Ohio River, which are near Madison, Ind. The contract will save or create 30 jobs in Oregon. *Statesman Journal, 8-12-09*
- **Fresenius Medical Care Dialysis Services** will open on Southwest Broadway in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 7-27-09*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- Production has resumed at **Monaco RV** in **Coburg**, eight months after the plant was idled. About 400 workers are back at work at the factory, producing about seven recreational vehicles per day. *Register-Guard, 8-7-09*
- **Keizer Academy of Music & Arts** will open. It will offer classes and private lessons in music, dance, acting, and visual arts. *Statesman Journal, 7-18-09*
- **Garlic Jim's Famous Garlic Pizza** in **West Salem** closed. *Statesman Journal, 8-5-09*
- More than \$2.6 million in federal stimulus money will be directed to training efforts in the **Salem-Keizer School District** this year, including paying for 21 teacher coaches, most of which are new positions. *Statesman Journal, 8-12-09*
- **GarageGames**, a computer games developer, plans to leave **Eugene** within a year. Its 60 employees will be able to transfer to the company's offices in Portland or Las Vegas. *Register-Guard, 7-30-09*