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Thank you to Jon Niedermeyer and LaPorte & Associates for sponsoring this month's Pipeline e-Newsletter. If you received an ORPHCC Health Plan quote previously, THROW IT AWAY! All health insurance contracts are month to month. NOW is the time to receive an updated quote into Oregon PHCC's large group purchasing pool that is specific to your industry. For a quote or plan information, please contact Jon Niedermeyer at 503-239-4116 or jniedermeyer@laporte-insurance.com.

NATIONAL PHCC MEMBERS ONLY WEBINAR ON FLAT RATE PRICES OCTOBER 8, 2013

Kohler is sponsoring a members-only webinar for PHCC members on flat rate pricing. The webinar is at noon (Oregon time) this Wednesday, October 8th. To learn more or register, go to:

https://eweb.phccweb.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?webcode=EventInfo&Reg_evt_key=8214bb5b-3bf5-4d02-ac42-24e8682bdacb

CJ HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

The CJ Hansen Scholarship Auction will be **Friday, November 8th starting at 6:00 PM**. A special **THANK YOU to George Morlan Plumbing** as they have graciously agreed to allow us to use their BEAUTIFUL George Morlan Design Center at 2222 NW Raleigh in Portland. Click below to register, sponsor or donate an item to the auction:

<http://www.orphcc.com/memberresources/scholarship.html>

CJ HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

Date: November 8, Friday

Location: Geo Morlan Design Center, Portland

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$50 per person

RSVP: info@orphcc.com / 503-557-1203

APPLY FOR A CJ HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP

ORPHCC is also please to announce plans to award four \$500 scholarships during the 2013 auction. The scholarships will be for use during Spring, 2014 apprenticeship, community college or college/university classes. If you would like a scholarship application, please click on the link below.

<http://www.orphcc.com/memberresources/scholarship/2013application.pdf>

OCTOBER 24 / COLUMBIA (PORTLAND AREA) CHAPTER MEETING "COVER OREGON" (HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE) AND OBAMACARE

On Thursday, October 24 the Columbia Chapter of ORPHCC will hold a dinner to discuss changes in health care at the Federal level and what that means for us in Oregon. Steve Ferree of Mr. Rooter Plumbing, who has served for two years as a small business member of the committee developing "Cover Oregon" will be our guide. Dinner will be at Abella's Intalian Kitchen in Wilsonville at 6:00 pm. The cost is only \$30 per person and everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by replying to this email or calling 503-557-1203. Thank you.

COLUMBIA CHAPTER MEETING ON OBAMACARE

Date: October 24, Thursday

Location: Abella's Italian Kitchen, Wilsonville

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP: info@orphcc.com / 503-557-1203

In November, the monthly Columbia Chapter meeting will be the C.J. Hansen Scholarship Auction on Friday, November 8th at the George Morlan Design Center. There will not be a meeting in December.

**NOVEMBER 14 / WILLAMETTE (SALEM AREA) CHAPTER MEETING
"COVER OREGON" (HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE) AND OBAMACARE**

On Thursday, November 14 the Willamette Chapter of ORPHCC will hold a dinner to discuss changes in health care at the Federal level and what that means for us in Oregon. Steve Ferree of Mr. Rooter Plumbing, who has served for two years as a small business member of the committee developing "Cover Oregon" will be our guide. Dinner will be at Rudy's at Salem Golf Club at 6:00 pm. Each person orders from the menu and pays their bill and everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by replying to this email or calling 503-557-1203. Thank you.

WILLAMETTE CHAPTER MEETING ON OBAMACARE

Date: November 14, Thursday

Location: Rudy's at Salem Golf Club

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: Order from the menu

RSVP: info@orphcc.com / 971-388-1786

NEW MEETING INFORMATION: The Willamette Chapter will now meet every other month on the 2nd THURSDAY of the month (not Tuesday) at Rudy's at the Salem Golf Club. You do not need to be an ORPHCC member to attend and everyone orders from the menu and pays for their own bill. Spouses and guests are welcome, too. The November meeting will be our last for 2013. Mark your calendar today.

UA LOCAL 290 OFFERS FREE SERVICE SEMINAR ON NOVEMBER 6th

UA Local 290 is offering a free seminar (and dinner and drinks) to hear PHCC member Bob Melko of Chicago speak about adding service plumbers and HVAC/R technicians will increase profitability and grow your business. For more information, click on the link below and look for the "Service-Seminar-Flyer 11-6" download.

<http://www.orphcc.com/memberresources/pipeline.html>

STATE PLUMBING BOARD TO MEET OCTOBER 17

The Oregon State Plumbing Board will meet at 9:30 am on Thursday, October 17 at BCD in West Salem. For more information, click on this link:

<http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/boards/plumbing/boardpack/2013/20131017.html>

TECH ED GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL NEED YOUR HELP

The Legislature has provided BOLI/Dept of Ed with funds to assist local technical education programs. If you'd like to help pick which programs get funded, then consider applying for a slot on the grant review panel. For more information click on the link below and look for "Call for Reviewers". The second link is the application.

<http://www.orphcc.com/memberresources/pipeline.html>

Application to be a grant reviewer

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1J1N_X2MDNLvctM3KLyEebCSC1X58OcZMv06HFHOPT2A/viewform

SEMINAR ON PROVING AND PRICING SUBCONTRACTOR CHANGE ORDERS

A seminar is available on November 11 on “Proving and Pricing Subcontractor Change Orders.” For more information on the seminar click on the link below and look for “PHCC SUBS OR-WA”.

<http://www.orphcc.com/memberresources/pipeline.html>

PLUMBING SPECIALTY CODE UPDATING PROCESS

The 2011 Plumbing Specialty Code will be updated and adopted early next year. If you have suggestions on changes needed to the code, or wish to be involved in the process, click on the link below:

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/14opsc/OPSC_Code_Amendment_Process_2014.pdf

ELECTRICAL SPECIALTY CODE UPDATING PROCESS

The 2011 Electrical Specialty Code will be updated and adopted early next year. If you have suggestions on changes needed to the code, or wish to be involved in the process, click on the link below:

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/14oesc/OESC_Code_Amendment_Process_2014.pdf

RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CODE UPDATING PROCESS

The 2011 Residential Specialty Code will be updated and adopted early next year. If you have suggestions on changes needed to the code, or wish to be involved in the process, click on the link below:

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/14orsc/ORSC_Code_Amendment_Process_2014.pdf

2011 PLUMBING SPECIALTY CODE CHANGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Time is slipping away for those JPs who still have not completed your 2011 Specialty Code education. An online class is available 24/7 and only costs \$20. To register for the online class, simply go to www.orphcc.com and click on the “2011 Plumbing Specialty Code” link. You need to get ‘er done.

LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

Click on the link to view the newsletter, or copy and paste the link into your Internet browser.

http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/bldg_newsletter/index.html

ORPHCC NOW HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you on Facebook? Then like the OregonPHCC page!

<http://www.facebook.com/OregonPHCC>

VALUABLE INFO AT NATIONAL PHCC WEBSITE

This link will take you to the all-new National PHCC website. Take a few minutes to look around!

<http://www.phccweb.org>

- **While the Government is Shutdown-Small Business is Shutout.** There isn't much more to say about the current state of affairs as they relate to the government “shutdown.” At 12:00 am on Tuesday October 1, 2013, the federal government partially closed its doors. Though the shutdown is not pleasant, the real battle is yet to come over the debt limit. As PHCC National has pointed out many times, it isn't necessarily the issues Congress is considering that may be harmful to small business—it is the issues Congress is not considering. The focus on the government shutdown and health care (and soon the debt limit) have all but drained and taken away lawmakers' attention to many other important small business issues. Heard on the Hill...it is becoming increasingly clear in

Congress that reopening the government, raising the debt limit and setting spending levels for the next year are being rolled into one package. PHCC National will keep members informed of all developments.

- **Health Care Exchanges are Available But the Devil May be in the Details.** This week, the new health care [“Exchanges”](#) went live. In essence, the exchanges provide information and access to insurance plan research, price comparisons, and insurance plan applications—as a result of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (ACA). But there is reason to be cautious. Whether you support or oppose the ACA, there are warnings about the security risk the exchanges may pose in terms of data collection and storage. Also, the subsidy calculators may not be completely accurate at this time. An article in the October 2, 2013 edition of [The Wall Street Journal](#) emphasized these issues. Remember that insurance offered through the exchanges will go into effect January 1, 2014. There is plenty of time for members to carefully research health insurance options while allowing issues involved with the exchanges to be worked-out.
- **Bill Erickson Recognized.** This week PHCC member Bill Erickson (C.J. Erickson Plumbing Co., Alsip, Ill.) was presented with the IAPMO Joseph Kneidinger Green Contractor of the Year Award. In particular, Bill was recognized for his work in chairing the IAPMO Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Committee. Congratulations Bill!
- **Keep Your Eye on the Health Care Ball.** Regardless of current House and Senate actions on the federal budget and health care, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2014.
 - Today, a front page article in *The Wall Street Journal* reports that the “...insurance exchanges won’t be ready to accept online applications from small businesses when the program launches [next] Tuesday.”
 - With so much news/information/confusion about the new upcoming health care law, let’s focus on a few issues that you need to know now:
 - ✓ If you’re an employer (regardless of how many you employ or whether you offer health insurance or not) by October 1, 2013, you must provide each of your employees a notice of the existence of the “Marketplace” (more commonly known as the Exchange). Please refer to the links below to download model notices you can use:
 - Employers – with health care plans [click here](#).
 - Employers – without health care plans [click here](#).
 - ✓ The “Marketplace” – [click here](#) – is the government service that will serve as the center of information for researching and buying health insurance. The website is live now, and PHCC encourages all members to review the information offered on the website (there is also a section on the site for what small businesses need to know).
 - ✓ The Administration has delayed for one year the imposition of penalties to large employers (50 or more employees) if they don’t offer health care insurance to their employees. However, the individual mandate and penalties are still in effect.
 - ✓ For a list of frequently asked questions, [click here](#).

- **Webinars Aimed at Technicians and Staff** – The next two webinars to be offered by the PHCC Educational Foundation are designed for technicians and office staff to attend, along with the business owner.
 - ✓ On Wed., Oct. 9th, Michael Bohinc will present a “Introduction to Flat Rate Pricing” webinar. This session will help owners and technicians understand how this pricing system works and why it is better for everyone, from the tech to the customer. Please encourage your PHCC contacts to register themselves and their technicians for these sessions.
 - ✓ [Registration can be accessed here.](#)
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