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ACEC Oregon Announces Heritage Project

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Board of Directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon (ACEC Oregon) has adopted the Fort to Sea Trail at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial near Astoria, Oregon as a Heritage Project for the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial.

The Fort to Sea Trail will commemorate the historic route taken by the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as they traveled from their encampment at Fort Clatsop to the Pacific Ocean.

This 5.5 mile walking and interpretive trail is being designed to provide a pleasurable recreational experience with a minimal amount of impact to the surrounding area. Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has designated it as the first Oregon Solutions project. It is also a top priority for the National Park Service and the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation.

Staff from ACEC Oregon member firms will have the opportunity to provide professional services in the design and construction administration of the trail. The trail is anticipated to open by November 2005, which coincides with the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery arrival at the Pacific Ocean.

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The American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon (ACEC Oregon), is composed of more than 100 qualified consulting engineering firms and their owners and principals representing 3,000 employees. Consulting engineering activities of member firms are conducted under the responsible charge of professional engineers who are required to maintain their engineering registrations in Oregon.