RCC selects construction firm to remodel Kerby Center kitchen

Rogue Community College has awarded a $134,240 contract to Cummings Construction, Inc. to carry out the final stages of a major facilities renovation at RCC’s Illinois Valley Learning Center in Kerby.

This current phase of the IVLC renovation and deferred maintenance project is being funded with Go Oregon stimulus monies. Work performed by Cummings will include overhauling areas of the kitchen, dining room, an adjacent classroom and providing a ramp/entrance compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

In addition to being the lowest of three bidders, Cummings Construction, Inc. was selected based on past satisfactory experience with RCC, noted college officials. Three qualified proposals were received.

Located at 24311 Redwood Hwy., the facility is home to the college’s Learning Center and Business Entrepreneurial Center. RCC also rents gallery and office space to the Southern Oregon Artisans Guild. The building, which originally housed an elementary school, has undergone major enhancements in the past year and now features a Northwest lodge-style look. Support came from a number of grants and major funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The project added approximately 1,300 square feet of space, and included new bathrooms, hallways, and exterior.

In other board business, the board authorized Dean of Student Services Kori Bieber and Dean of Instructional Services Cheryl Markwell to sign major college checks in the event the college president or chief financial officer are not available.

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