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(Hillsboro to Construct New Fire Station)

Construction should begin soon on the new fire station for Hillsboro Fire Department. The new station will be located on a 6.29 acre lot located at 21880 NW Cherry Lane, west of Cornelius Pass Road. The 16,000 square foot fire station will serve as the Fire Department's new training center and features three engine bays, living quarters for the four-person engine company, plus classroom space for training. Completion of the facility is scheduled for the summer of 2010.

"We are excited about the new fire station and deployment of a new engine company into that area of our city," said Fire Chief Gary Seidel. "The new station is an integral step toward reducing our response time to emergencies." The addition of the Cherry Lane fire station is part of the Fire Department's Strategic Plan to meet response time goals.

"The addition of the firefighters in this location along with their equipment will improve the safety of our community," said Mayor Jerry Willey. Money for the construction comes from the general fund and the local option tax provides funding for the additional firefighters, apparatus and equipment. City Council approved the \$2.8 million construction contract award to CSI Construction Company of Portland at its November 17th meeting.

The new Fire Station has been designed to achieve a LEED Gold certification when completed. The LEED program (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), is an internationally recognized Green Building Rating System providing a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction. Building to this LEED standard offers many benefits. The construction process, which focuses on locally produced and/or locally sourced materials, will consume fewer resources and generate fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The completed building will be energy efficient, requiring less electricity and water to operate while providing a healthier work and living environment for the firefighters.

Group McKenzie Incorporated of Portland designed the building. Contractors are awaiting a final permit for site erosion control to begin work. For more information on Hillsboro Fire Department, visit: www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/fire or call 503-681-6166.

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Image caption: Artist rendering of the new Hillsboro Fire Station to be built on NW Cherry Lane in 2010.