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City of Portland/Oregon Iron Works, Inc./United Streetcar, LLC Joint Media Release

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City of Portland and Oregon Iron Works, Inc. / United Streetcar, LLC Announce Start of \$20 Million Streetcar Production Order

PORTLAND, OR - (August 14, 2009) The City of Portland has awarded the contract for the streetcar manufacturing of the Portland East Side Loop Modern Streetcar Project to Oregon Iron Works, Inc. (OIW)/United Streetcar, LLC. Mayor Adams has been a champion for the Loop Project and for OIW manufacturing six modern streetcars for the City of Portland.

“This contract is an extremely important award for us as it commences our first streetcar production line, and that means the creation of more green jobs in our community and across the U.S. We are grateful to the City of Portland and proud to be a part of their team on this exciting project,” said Chandra Brown, United Streetcar President.

“This project and contract could not come at a better time for OIW and our region. This contract to purchase 6 cars creates 133 living wage jobs. Green jobs that will propel Oregon Iron Works into the manufacturing of modern streetcars built in Clackamas County.” Mayor Adams said. “I couldn’t be prouder.”

OIW is the only modern streetcar manufacturer in the United States. Headquartered out of Clackamas, Oregon, and working with vendors across the U.S., the new streetcars will be in full compliance with the Buy-America Act.

OIW/United Streetcar recently completed the first modern streetcar manufactured in the U.S. in 57 years for the City of Portland, and it is currently undergoing final testing.

This has been a true team effort. Senator Merkley and Congressman Schrader, when they were in the state legislature, joined Mayor Adams in the effort to secure \$20 million in lottery backed bonds in the 2007 session. State Senators Rick Metsger, Betsy Johnson and Secretary of State Kate Brown (former State Senator) along with State Representative Mary Nolan were key in securing the state funds in 2007. Mayor Adams was persistent in his effort to ensure that Oregon captured this new manufacturing industry. Creation of this new American industry was made possible because of the foresight of Congressman Peter DeFazio years ago when he secured federal support for a prototype Made-in-America streetcar, along with the support of the entire Oregon delegation and Congress. In addition, Congressman Earl Blumenauer has led the way for years in advancing opportunities for streetcar systems to return to American cities – and without his early leadership, modern streetcars systems would not be developing in cities across the U.S. Senator Wyden secured an additional appropriation for the prototype car. The City’s entire federal delegation pushed Congress to appropriate the funding for this project.



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This project is expected to create and/or sustain the equivalent of 133 green jobs for United Streetcar/OIW and their subcontractors located in over 20 States. Without the federal investment made in the prototype car, in all likelihood tens of millions of dollars for streetcars would have all been sent overseas.

About Oregon Iron Works, Inc.

Oregon Iron Works, Inc. is a world-class complex metal fabricator and systems integrator, with diverse capabilities spanning various industries, including; marine, aerospace, hydroelectric, nuclear, bridge, commercial, and defense manufacturing. OIW has extensive experience in all levels of metal fabrication, from custom design and prototype development to large-scale production, outfitting, and testing. Founded in 1944 in Portland, OR, this innovative small business has been under the same management since 1974. It has nearly 400 employees and is now headquartered in Clackamas, OR., with additional manufacturing facilities in Vancouver, WA.

More information is available at www.oregoniron.com

About United Streetcar, LLC

Founded in 2005, United Streetcar, LLC is a subsidiary of Oregon Iron Works, Inc. dedicated to providing modern streetcars throughout the United States.

More information is available at www.unitedstreetcar.com