



City of Ontario, Oregon

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CH2M Purchases Equipment to Assist with Snow Removal this Winter

Last winter, the City of Ontario and communities around the northwest received record snowfall and, unlike many northwest winters, the snow stuck around for weeks. CH2M, the City of Ontario's contractor providing public works services, found itself unable to remove snow from tight spaces and alleyways with the City's snow removal equipment.

To prevent this from happening again, CH2M purchased a \$100,000 Skid-steer loader. The Skid-steer will spend this winter in Ontario for snow removal, but will be a regional asset for other CH2M northwest projects. This relieved the city of a planned purchase for the 2017-2018 budget year. The skidsteer can be used for roadway and utility construction and repairs in tight spaces including snow blowing, earthmoving and pavement grinding in Ontario and in other places in the region.

"CH2M is committed to maintaining a fleet of equipment to serve our operations and maintenance clients in the northwest. This sometimes means purchasing heavy equipment that is too specialized for a small city or utility district to own," says Cliff Leeper, Director of Public Works.

CH2M has provided operations and maintenance services to the City of Ontario for the past 3 years. Regionally, the company also provides operations and maintenance services in Walla Walla, College Place, Twin Falls, The Dalles, Hood River, and Heinz-Ore-Ida. CH2M's ability to leverage regional resources from specialized equipment to technical knowledge on all types of public works projects is one benefit the City of Ontario realizes from this partnership.

For questions please contact the City Manager's office at 541-889-7684 or the CH2M Public Works Director at 541-889-8572.

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