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Local students tour Junction City Hospital construction site, learn about careers in building trades

JUNCTION CITY – As the walls are rising on the new Oregon State Hospital in Junction City, so are hopes of a stronger economic future in Lane County.

Construction of the project hit a major milestone this week as panels of the hospital's tallest walls were lifted into place. Oregon House Majority Leader Val Hoyle invited a group of local students who are interested in future careers in the building trades to tour the active construction site with her and other local leaders on Wednesday, August 21.

"It was incredible to see the walls of the hospital going up," Rep. Hoyle said. "I couldn't think of any better way to spend this day than with young people who are interested in future careers in the building trades. Because of projects like this one, there will actually be jobs available for them."

Representative Hoyle (D – Eugene/Junction City) played a key role in passing recent legislation that authorized \$79.4 million to build the new hospital. The construction project, which is targeting a December 2014 completion, is already proving to be a major boon to the local economy. In addition to the hundreds of workers who will build the hospital over the next 16 months, approximately 500 doctors, nurses, pharmacy technicians, food service employees and other workers will be hired for permanent positions in Junction City.

Wednesday's tour included six recent high school graduates, led by workers from Hoffman Construction – the hospital's Construction Manager/General Contractor – along with officials from the Oregon Health Authority and local leaders including Senator Chris Edwards (D – Eugene/Junction City), Rep. Hoyle, and Junction City Council President Randy Nelson.

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