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SUBJECT: ODOT supports Great Oregon ShakeOut

The Oregon Department of Transportation is proud to support the 2012 **Great Oregon ShakeOut** and join the coalition of participants from around the state in this important emergency preparedness event.

We have scheduled our annual statewide earthquake drill to coincide with the **Great Oregon ShakeOut** on Oct. 18, 2012, at 10:18 a.m. As the state's lead transportation agency, we take emergency planning, preparedness, recovery and response very seriously. We look forward to this opportunity to test our plans.

In addition, because everyone has a role in emergency preparedness, we encourage all Oregonians, including our employees and their families, to participate in earthquake planning and preparedness activities at home. Cascadia earthquakes are a potentially catastrophic threat to our state. By participating in the **Great Oregon ShakeOut**, we will all be better prepared to survive and recover quickly from an earthquake.

I'd like to thank Dr. Althea Rizzo, Geologic Hazards Program coordinator and all the staff at the Oregon Office of Emergency Management for coordinating the **Great Oregon ShakeOut**. We are excited to participate in this event and look forward to working together to make this our most successful earthquake drill ever.

Sincerely,

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