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RHD Enterprises Celebrates Graduation & New Office

Thurston County-based general contractor RHD Enterprises, Inc. (RHD) will celebrate multiple milestones at an open house event scheduled for August 21, 2018. The minority and woman-owned business recently purchased a new building that will act as the headquarters for local operations and consolidate their general construction, design and fabrication facilities into one expanded office and production shop.

The ribbon cutting celebration coincides with RHD Enterprises' graduation from the 8(a) business development program—a nine-year, small business mentorship created to help growing companies gain experience with federal government work procurement. The event will include local officials, family, friends, clients, project partners and a few planned surprises.

New Office Grand Opening

RHD was established in 2005 as a home-based residential tile company. The focus was changed three years later to general construction, and the RHD Enterprises name was born. A decade later, the company has grown to almost 30 full-time employees working on jobsites all over Washington State and across the country. As the company grew, RHD expanded its services to include design, premanufactured metal buildings, custom welding and steel fabrication. With the acquisition of the new 8,750 square foot office and shop, RHD will be able to consolidate production with operations staff to increase customer service and efficiency in project delivery.

The history of RHD's new building also includes a unique aspect—the previous

owners started Harbor Wholesale at this location as a small, family-owned business and have grown into one of the region's top foodservice providers.

8(a) Business Development Program

To help provide a level playing field for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people or entities, the government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the 8(a) Business Development Program. Program participants can compete for set-aside contracts, access a Business Opportunity Specialist to help navigate federal contracting, participate in the mentor-protégé program and receive business training, marketing assistance and executive development.

Since becoming a certified 8(a) small business, RHD has completed hundreds of federal projects for a long list of agencies including the EPA, GSA, USCG and the US Navy. 2018 marks the end of RHD's nine-year involvement in the program. "The 8(a) program has been a tremendous stepping stone for RHD, and we look forward to transitioning into a mentor role to help other small businesses develop



Rozanne Garman, owner of RHD Enterprises.

the skills and experience needed to be a successful federal contractor," noted RHD's President and CEO Rozanne Garman.

About RHD Enterprises, Inc.

RHD Enterprises, Inc. is a minority woman-owned general contractor specializing in commercial and industrial construction. RHD provides full-service for a variety of new construction, design-build, remodel and tenant improvement projects. From their first laboratory renovation projects to their current energy upgrades and structural repairs, RHD has excelled at fostering a team atmosphere on every project. This creates projects that our clients, employees and communities are proud of. As a small business, they provide principal-level involvement on every project and a hands-on approach to developing solutions that exceed their clients' expectations. For more information, including project experience visit www.rhdenterprises.com.

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