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## County Executive invites major contractor to meet with minority and women business owners

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*Kiewit Pacific Co., expected to bid on Everett I-5 project,  
is looking for subcontractors*

Kiewit Pacific Co., one of North America's largest construction companies, has accepted an invitation from Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon to meet with local minority and women business owners.

Kiewit is preparing to bid on a major Washington State Department of Transportation project that will add high occupancy vehicle lanes to I-5 between Highway 526 and U.S. 2 in Everett.

The company will host a networking session at the Everett Conference Center's Room #1, 2000 Hewitt Avenue on Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

"I want Kiewit officials to know what minority and women business owners in Snohomish County can bring to this project," Reardon said. "The company is going after a state contract with a \$220 million price tag. It will need qualified subcontractors at all levels."

Craig Briggs, area manager for Kiewit Pacific, said Reardon encouraged company officials to come to Everett for the meeting, providing them with a list of local minority- and women-owned businesses maintained by the County.

"We appreciate the county's assistance in helping us reach out to find qualified subcontractors for our bid on this project," Briggs said. "As a transportation improvement, this project means a lot to the community and everyone who travels

through Everett on I-5. The economic impact it provides to local businesses is another important benefit.”

One of Reardon’s first acts when he entered office in 2004 was to direct staff to initiate a Women and Minority Business Enterprise program for the County.

“This is about jobs – and opportunity,” Reardon said. “Snohomish County’s small business sector has perhaps the most potential of all. And that is why my administration is focusing on expanding it.

“Public works projects across the state are starting up and I plan on getting local businesses in my community in front of these projects so they have the opportunity to compete and bid for jobs.”

The I-5 construction project will unclog a notorious I-5 traffic chokepoint and improve safety through Everett by:

- Adding six miles of northbound carpool lanes from Highway 526 to U.S. 2;
- Adding 4.6 miles of southbound carpool lanes from Marine View Drive to Highway 526;
- Adding a northbound and southbound lane from 41st Street to U.S. 2;
- Widening or replacing nineteen bridges;
- Improving freeway on- and off-ramps; and,
- Adding noise walls at certain locations and holding and filtering dirty water that runs off the freeway.

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