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The end of the legislative session is imminent with a hard deadline on June 27 at midnight. This session will be remembered for the impacts the pandemic had on the closed Capitol building, online lobbying and testimony, huge federal fund investments and the need to lead Oregon into the new post-pandemic economy.

Key bills yet to be unveiled include the six major funding bills that will be released Thursday morning (tomorrow, June 24) at 8:00 A.M.

[Capital Construction Joint 2021 Regular Session - Oregon Legislative Information System \(oregonlegislature.gov\)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov)

These bills include the always popular Christmas tree bills where hundreds of millions of dollars in lottery backed bonds and other funds are made public by the Ways and Means Committee. These funding bills are always done late in the session to encourage legislators to stay in the lines and play nice or else their funds for a pet project back home may be negatively impacted. Historically, the bills were released to much scurrying from the lobbyists and legislators to see if their project was included. Now, in the pandemic environment, Capitol insiders will anxiously review the lists from the comfort of their laptop wherever they may be. This year's lottery bond list, **SB 5534**, will most likely include many of the

projects from 2019-21 that made the list but were canceled once the pandemic closed bars and taverns and lottery sales plunged so far that the State Treasurer could not allow the bond sale to continue. The list for 2021-23 is expected to be in the \$300 million range as lottery revenue has surpassed estimates.



CONGRATULATIONS!

GRI / KPFF Win ACEC Nat'l Eng. Exc. Grand Award for the...
...Marine Studies Initiative Building for Oregon State University (Newport, OR),
one of 36 top awards winners out of 173 entries.



The top 3 foursomes were:

#1

- Tracy Ellwein, HDR
- Dave Skinner, HDR
- Chad Gipson, HDR
- Peter Foss, HDR

#2

- Seth Hemelstrand, Universal Field Services
- Barry Bliss, Universal Field Services
- Brian Murphy, Tetra Tech

Top 3 Foursomes – Networking Day Golf Tournament

Pictured below is the winning team—HDR.

- Ian Fanbik, STV, Inc

#3

- Anthony Yi, Kittelson & Associates
- Rich Darland, PBS Engineering & Environmental
- Greg Jellison, PBS Engineering & Environmental
- Hermanus Steyn, Kittelson & Associates



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- [Stop Elevating the Standard of Care in your Contracts](#)
- [Government Affairs Update for June 18](#)
- [The Private Markets Update with Erin McLaughlin](#)

UPCOMING

- August 3 – PAC Golf Event, Langdon Farms
- Sept 8 – Duty to defend program
- Sept 16 & 17 – ACEC Oregon Fall Conference (*virtual*) (8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON each day)



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