

Suggestions of the Month From July 2001 - June 2003

Listed below are ideas honored as "Suggestion of the Month" since July 1997.

At each Commission meeting, members choose the suggestion which stands out for either its potential for highest savings; most innovative approach to saving time, dollars, or improving customer service; most thorough description of the solution and possible savings to the agenc(ies); or a combination of all three.

SUGG #	NAME and IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	SAVINGS
14424	Joe Searcy, ODOT / Technical Services <i>Use metal reflectorized signs instead of fiber optic or LED signs for "STOP HERE ON RED" and "ONE VEHICLE PER GREEN" highway signs (4/03).</i>	\$5,974
14719	Dan Thompson, ODOT / Driver & Motor Vehicle Services <i>Change default laser printer settings to economy mode unless otherwise specified (4/03).</i>	\$2,657
14733	Rikki Britt / Margy McCurry, Department of Revenue <i>Revert back to old policy of \$24.99 tolerance for refunding balance to customer, to avoid issuing checks for small amounts of \$1.01 and above (1/03).</i>	\$23,308
14713	David Pearl, Department of Justice <i>Stop sending pre-addressed envelopes along with statement showing monthly payroll deduction for payments, and only send to those who actually need the envelope to mail in a payment (10/02).</i>	\$9,264
14742	Ken Wagner, Department of Consumer & Business Services <i>Develop a cover letter macro by which the OSHA Appeals Unit could submit settlement documents directly to Workers Compensation Board when appropriate, bypassing Department of Justice when their review is not required (10/02).</i>	\$11,065
14504	Rikki Britt, Department of Revenue <i>Give Revenue staff access to Employment Department's CUSTOMER/WAGE COMMENTS screen, to allow them to view withholding information for prior years when tax returns suspend out because the amount of withholding claimed doesn't match proof provided (7/02).</i>	\$17,385
13066	Carolyn Thiebes, DHS / Children, Adults & Families <i>Include a checklist with applications for Oregon Health Plan coverage that highlights the areas on which clients are most likely to make an error or omission (4/02).</i>	\$574,100
14640	Lamar Threet, ODOT / Region 2 <i>Move ODOT permits office into City Hall space for \$300/month, instead of leased office space they were occupying at a cost of \$1,275/month (4/02).</i>	\$10,620
14367	David Janke, ODOT / Driver & Motor Vehicle Services <i>Combine various tables, spreadsheets, and mainframe applications used throughout DMV into one central database to improve customer service and provide an efficient and streamlined method of inquiry (1/02).</i>	\$?
14341	Brad Cain, Department of Corrections <i>Establish prison work boot repair project at Snake River Correctional Facility to repair inmate boots instead of replacing them (9/01).</i>	\$71,154
14607	Kevin Stanbro, ODOT / Region 5 <i>Designed a tail light louver that directs the wind flow over rear vehicle lights on snow removal equipment, preventing excess snow and dirt build-up that employees used to have to stop and remove by hand so tail lights could be seen by traveling public (9/01).</i>	\$0