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### Rogue Valley Precast Casts Its Net, Finds Its Catch In Southern Oregon

SORED I is pleased to announce that Rogue Valley Precast, a subsidiary of Columbia Precast (Woodland, WA) will open a new plant in June, 2019 in White City. Specializing in manholes, catch basins, box culverts, vaults and custom designs, Rogue Valley Precast produces solutions for roads, parking lots, tunnels and trenches that save contractors time and money. Precast achieves superior strength through a technically complex process and is quick and easy to install in the field. "In today's fast paced construction environment, our ability to design and deliver products quickly sets us apart from our competition", said Ron Sparks, General Manager. "This new location will open new markets in both Oregon and northern California".

The new 16,000 square foot facility on Avenue G in White City will employ 8-12 employees to start with jobs for Wet Cast Technician I and II, and Cage Assembly Worker, among others. The almost 14 acres of prime industrial land was purchased from JR Development LLC, and RA Murphy Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

Rogue Valley Precast first contacted SORED I, along with other communities they were considering, in January of 2018, and toured our region later that month. During that two day visit they were introduced to local business and community leaders, who represented SAIF/ Worker's Compensation, Pacific Power, RHT Energy (Energy Trust rebates), Business Oregon and the Rogue Workforce Partnership, as well as leadership from Boise Cascade, Duro-Last Roofing and Timber Products. Elected officials and economic development staff from Grants Pass, Josephine and Jackson counties also attended.



"SORED I responded immediately to our request for information, and they had a

tour scheduled before other prospects had even responded to our call”, said Sparks. “SOREDI was critical in our decision-making process and played a vital role in helping us locate in Southern Oregon, including facilitating the Enterprise Zone benefit.

“We were impressed by Columbia Precast (Rogue Valley Precast) from the beginning and believed their “can-do” spirit was a good fit for our region”, said Colleen Padilla, SOREDI Executive Director. “The ongoing financial support of our members and sponsors make it possible for us to provide these complimentary services on behalf of all of Southern Oregon. Bringing an employer like Rogue Valley Precast to our region, one that will grow and thrive here, is a win for all our communities.”

**About SOREDI:** SOREDI is a private, membership-based, non-profit organization, governed by a board of directors. Its eight-person staff is charged with local business expansion and new business recruitment efforts, financial assistance to start-up companies through its business loan fund, and management of Enterprise Zones in Jackson and Josephine Counties. The agency was formed as a regional economic development agency in 1987. Learn more at <https://www.soredi.org>.