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## BMCC to hold groundbreaking ceremony for Pendleton FARM bond project

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College will break ground on the third of three major construction projects approved by voters in its May 2015 bond measure on Monday, June 13. BMCC will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday for the Facility for Agricultural Resource Management, or FARM, on the facility's future site next to the current agriculture center on the north side of the Pendleton campus. The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony.

BMCC President Cam Preus will be on hand, as will several BMCC Board members and representatives from BMCC's bond project management firm Frew Development Group and BMCC's agriculture department.

The future FARM will house BMCC's renowned agriculture programs, including agriculture production, including crops and livestock, agriculture business, pest management, beef production, meat science, greenhouse production and veterinary assisting programs.

The project is expected to be completed in late spring 2017.

BMCC broke ground on its two other major bond construction projects earlier this spring – the Precision Irrigated Agriculture Center in Hermiston in April and the Workforce Training Center in Boardman in May. The Hermiston project has a projected spring 2017 completion, while the Boardman project is expected to be complete by winter 2017. BMCC will also begin work on upgrades to electrical and HVAC systems, as well as natural gas line repairs, this summer.

Voters approved BMCC's \$23 million capital construction bond in May 2015, which included all of these projects, as well as additional safety, security and technology improvements, and improvements to the Milton-Freewater Center.

The FARM groundbreaking will take place on the north side of the BMCC Pendleton campus, 2411 NW Carden Ave. The groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, June 13, begins at 2 p.m.

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