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OBRC Announces the Grand Opening of its New Headquarters and Processing Facility in Clackamas County

The new 140,000-square-foot facility will process Oregon's beverage container returns

Portland – The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative is excited to announce the opening of its new headquarters in Clackamas County. The new corporate office and processing plant will replace OBRC's previous location on Yeon Avenue in Northwest Portland. In the works since 2016, the new facility will house 165 employees and Oregon's renowned bottle deposit and return program.

"We have built an international model of a successful bottle deposit and return program, at zero cost to the Oregon taxpayer," said Jules Bailey, OBRC's Chief Stewardship Officer. "This new building exemplifies our cooperative's commitment to making recycling bottles and cans work for Oregon today and in the future."

With the expansion of the bottle bill in 2018, recycling has become more important than ever before, and the number of containers Oregonians return continues to grow. In 2019, OBRC processed 2.8 billion containers, and in 2020, the number of Green Bag accounts has grown to more than 500,000. The new facility provides a larger plant space so returns can be processed more quickly and Oregonians can receive their deposits faster. It also allows for increased safety as equipment and trucks will have more dedicated space.

The new headquarters will soon feature innovative technology, designed and made right here in Oregon, that will increase the speed and efficiency of the container counting process. The facility and its additional space will also allow OBRC to expand its stewardship work, which includes broadening the Emergency Fund program originally set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That effort has so far raised \$200,000 for the Oregon Food Bank and \$60,000 for Oregon wildfire response across the state with help from BottleDrop customer donations.

The new facility, located at 17300 S.E. 120th Ave. in Clackamas, is now up and running.

For more information: Visit BottleDropCenters.com

About OBRC: OBRC is the private, not-for-profit cooperative that runs Oregon's nationally recognized beverage container deposit program. Through our BottleDrop Redemption Centers and container pickup service for more than 2,500 retail partners, we recycle more than 2.8 billion beverage containers annually, protecting the Oregon we love, supporting the causes we cherish and inspiring innovation beyond our borders – all without a single penny of state funding.