day, April 26, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 206 Cross Building
(L.D. 1153) Bill "An Act To Establish a Muzzle-loading Shotgun Season on Deer" (H.P. 0796)
(L.D. 1287) Bill "An Act To Allow the Use of All Muzzle-loading Firearms during Muzzle-loading Deer Season" (H.P. 0884)
(L.D. 1313) Bill "Resolve, Establishing an Experimental Moose Lottery for Southern Maine" (H.P. 0911)
(L.D. 1176) Bill "An Act Regarding Duties of Hunters Who Participate in the Expanded Archery Deer Hunting Season" (S.P. 0404)
(L.D. 427) Bill "An Act To Increase the Maximum Number of Days of the Muzzle-loading Hunting Season" (H.P. 0312)
(L.D. 1477) Bill "Resolve, Preventing the Upstream Migration of Exotic Species past the Fish River Falls and into the Fish River Watershed" (S.P. 0502)
(L.D. 1004) Bill "An Act To Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws" (S.P. 0344)
CONTACT PERSON: Darlene Simoneau, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100, 287-1338

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Sen. Bruce Bryant, Senate Chair
Rep. Thomas R. Watson, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, April 28, 2005, 1:00 pm, Cumberland Room, Augusta Civic Center
(L.D. 48) Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safe and Timely Retrieval of Wounded Bear BY REQUEST" (H.P. 0044)
(L.D. 137) Bill "An Act To Prohibit a Landowner from Charging a Fee for Bear Baiting" (S.P. 0043)
(L.D. 314) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Bear Baiting" (H.P. 0238)
(L.D. 516) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Bear Baiting within 100 Yards of an Adjoining Property" (H.P. 0392)
(L.D. 628) Bill "An Act To Amend the Bear Hunting Laws" (H.P. 0461)
(L.D. 1093) Bill "An Act To Promote Public Safety by Banning the Feeding of Bears in the Wild" (H.P. 0746)
(L.D. 1319) Bill "An Act To Ban the Use of Traps and Dogs in Bear Hunting" (H.P. 0917)
(L.D. 1460) Bill "An Act To Ban Bear Hunting with Traps except To Protect the Public" (H.P. 1022)
CONTACT PERSON: Jeremy Lestage, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100 267-1338

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Sen. Nancy B. Sullivan, Senate Chair
Rep. Anne C. Perry, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 427 State House
(L.D. 1168) Bill "An Act Their Offenses" (H.P. 0973)
(L.D. 1542) Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Retailers Who Have Been Issued Bad Checks" (H.P. 1083)
(L.D. 1559) Bill "An Act To Adopt the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act" (S.P. 0543)
CONTACT PERSON: Susan Pinette, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100, 287-1327

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Sen. Ethan Strimling, Senate Chair
Rep. William J. Smith, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, April 27, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 220 Cross Building
(L.D. 583) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Use of "Hearing Dogs" by Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Persons" (S.P. 0192)
(L.D. 1269) Bill "An Act To Change the Retirement Eligibility Requirements for Investigators in the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of the Secretary of State" (S.P. 0449)
(L.D. 1470) Bill "An Act To Give Retirement Credits to Judges Who Have Served in the Legislature" (H.P. 1033)
(L.D. 1486) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Allowing Legislative Staff To Unionize" (H.P. 1042)

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, April 28, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 200 Cross Building
(L.D. 1214) Bill "An Act To Require Inspectors from the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards To Provide Advance Notice of Inspections" (H.P. 0832)
(L.D. 1238) Bill "An Act To Ensure Compliance with Safety Regulations" (H.P. 0856)
(L.D. 1329) Bill "An Act To Require the Workers' Compensation Board To Use the 5th Edition 'Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment' in Assessing Workers' Compensation Injuries Involving the Spinal Column" (S.P. 0456)
(L.D. 1361) Bill "An Act To Enhance Workplace Safety and Health through Substance Abuse Testing and Treatment" (H.P. 0944)
(L.D. 1476) Bill "An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment for Persons Receiving Workers' Compensation Benefits for Total Incapacity" (S.P. 0501)
CONTACT PERSON: Gail Kerns, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100, 287-1333

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Sen. Kenneth T. Gagnon, Senate Chair
Rep. John L. Patrick, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, April 25, 2005, 1:15 pm, Room 437 State House
(L.D. 1207) Bill "An Act To Improve the Clean Election Laws" (S.P. 0421)
(L.D. 822) Bill "An Act Regarding Fundraising for Clean Election and Traditional Candidates in Leadership Races" (H.P. House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100, 287-1310

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Sen. Scott W. Cowger, Senate Chair
Rep. Theodore Koffman, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 1:30 pm, Room 214 Cross Building
(L.D. 625) Bill "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 500: Stormwater Management and Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Lakes Most at Risk from New Development and Urban Impaired Streams, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection" (H.P. 0458) (EMERGENCY)
(L.D. 1558) Bill "An Act Concerning Storm Water Management" (S.P. 0542)
(L.D. 608) Bill "An Act To Assist Municipal Implementation and Enforcement of Storm Water Management Programs" (H.P. 0441)
(L.D. 1535) Bill "An Act Making Improvements to the Laws Regarding Local Land Use Ordinances" (H.P. 1080)
(L.D. 577) Bill "An Act To Amend the Law Governing Rate of Growth Ordinances" (S.P. 0186)
(L.D. 582) Bill "An Act To Change the Effect of Local Ordinances on the State" (S.P. 0191)

PUBLIC HEARING: Friday, April 29, 2005, 9:00 am, Room 214 Cross Building
(L.D. 667) Bill "Resolve, Regarding Nonnative Invasive Marine Species" (H.P. 0487)
(L.D. 1076) Bill "Resolve, To Recognize Alton as a Host Community with Regard to the West Old Town Landfill" (H.P. 0729)
(L.D. 141) Bill "An Act To Ensure Proper Disposal of Debris and Protection of the Environment" (S.P. 0047)
(L.D. 1408) Bill "Resolve, Directing the Air Toxics Advisory Committee To Review the Status of Toxic Emissions from Waste-to-energy Facilities in the State and Recommend Actions Aimed at Reducing and Monitoring These Emissions" (H.P. 0972)
(L.D. 597) Bill "An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Landfill Laws" (H.P. 0430)
(L.D. 808) Bill "An Act To Prohibit Municipal Landfill Dumping" (S.P. 0288)
(L.D. 1255) Bill "An Act To Ensure Environmental Justice" (S.P. 0435)

PUBLIC HEARING: Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 10:00 am, Room 214 Cross Building
(L.D. 183) Bill "An Act Relating to the Definition of Indigenous Species" (H.P. 0134)
(L.D. 1450) Bill "An Act To Amend Water Quality Standards" (S.P. 0496)
(L.D. 99) Bill "An Act To Include Specific Bodies of Water within Class C Standards" (H.P. 0075)
(L.D. 818) Bill "An Act To Specify Phosphorus Limits for Gulf Island Pond" (S.P. 0273)
day, April 25, 2005, 9:00 am, Room 126 State House

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, April 7, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 1126 State House
(L.D. 277) Bill "An Act To Ensure That Sears Island Will be Used for Industrial and Commercial Purposes" (H.P. 0202)
(L.D. 650) Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Groundfishing Industry" (S.P. 0205)
(L.D. 1163) Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Street Rods and Custom Vehicles" (H.P. 0806)
(L.D. 1544) Bill "An Act To Exempt Vehicles Hauling Equipment Used for Timber Harvesting from Certain Restrictions Posted on Roads" (H.P. 1085)
CONTACT PERSON: Kathie Bilodeau, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100 287-4148

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Sen. Joseph C. Perry, Senate Chair
Rep. Richard G. Woodbury, House Chair
PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, April 25, 2005, 9:00 am, Room 127 State House
(L.D. 1343) Bill "An Act To Simplify Rent and Property Tax Relief" (H.P. 0926)
(L.D. 1462) Bill "An Act To Make Minor Substantive Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1024)
(L.D. 1520) Bill "An Act To Provide Reimbursement for Road Maintenance to Property Owners in the Unorganized Territory" (H.P. 1067)
(L.D. 1534) Bill "An Act To Encourage the Production of Biodiesel from Forest Products, Agricultural Products and Waste Vegetable Oil" (H.P. 1079)
(L.D. 1546) Bill "An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws" (H.P. 1087)
(L.D. 1552) Bill "An Act To Make Owners of Cooperative Housing Eligible for the Homestead Exemption" (H.P. 1093)
(L.D. 1556) Bill "An Act To Promote and Facilitate Programs That Teach Thinking Skills and Problem Solving" (H.P. 1097)
(L.D. 1553) Bill "An Act To Impose a Gross Receipts Tax on 'Big Box' Stores" (H.P. 1094)
(L.D. 1564) Bill "An Act To Include Intangible Assets when Determining the Value of Property" (H.P. 1102)

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, April 25, 2005, 1:00 pm, Room 127 State House
(L.D. 484) Bill "An Act To Enact the Tax Fairness Act" (H.P. 0359)
(L.D. 1437) Bill "An Act To Broaden the Sales Tax Base and Lower the Sales and Use Tax and Service Provider Tax Rates" (H.P. 1001)
(L.D. 705) Bill "An Act To Relieve the Income Tax Burden in the State through Revenue-neutral Means" (H.P. 0500)
CONTACT PERSON: Beth St. Pierre, 100 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0100 287-1552

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS GENERAL CONTRACTOR BID PRE-QUALIFICATION

In conformance with Title 5 MRSA Section 1747, the State of Maine Bureau of General Services will qualify General Contractors to bid on construction of the **new pre-school to sixth grade school in Paris, Maine.** Interested General Contractors are required to complete a pre-bid qualification questionnaire in order to receive construction documents and participate in the bidding process.

A pre-bid qualification questionnaire may be obtained from

LEWIS & MALM ARCHITECTURE PO BOX 1459 BUCKSPORT, MAINE 04416 207-469-7440 fax 207-469-2181

The questionnarie must be completed and returned **in triplicate** to the Architect, at the address above, on or before Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 2:00 PM.

The project consists of construction of a new 60,000 s.f. school. The approximate construction cost is $8,600,000. There will be a bid depository for Mechanical and Electrical.

Bidding documents will be available no earlier than May 5, 2005, with notice to proceed anticipated in June 2005 and substantial completion anticipated in December 2006.

Bid document information will be provided in advertisements to follow.

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The City Council expects to finally adopt the bond order following second reading at a regular City Council meeting to be held, unless otherwise rescheduled, in the City Council Chambers on May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

To be published twice and posted in two conspicuous places two weeks prior to the public hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DBE GOAL

Greater Portland Transit District (METRO) hereby announces that its proposed DBE goal for the Federal Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2005 is as follows: Non-Vehicle Capital and Planning Assistance Programs: 10% of funds expended in contracts funded in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A description of how the goal was selected is available for inspection during normal business hours at METRO, 114 Valley Street, Portland, Maine 04102, for 30 days following the date of this notice. FTA and METRO will accept comments on this goal for 45 days from the date of this notice.
Dated: April 15, 2005
By: Peter R. Hefler
General Manager

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Request for Proposals

EVALUATION OF THE HEALTHY MAINE PARFTNERSHIP, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A TOBACCO-FREE MAINE, THE MAINE CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH PROGRAM, AND THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Bureau of Helath, within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, is seeking proposals to evaluate and monitor the principal programmitic activities of three state level programs as well as their combined community intervention sites. Funding for this initiative is a combinatioin of programmatic Federal funds and an allocation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, established by the Maine Legislature. The Bureau of Health is seeking a contractor who will work closely with BOH management staff to develop and implement a comprehensive state level evaluation plan with measurable objectives and performance indicators for the Healthy Maine Partnership and three of its component programs, The Partnership For A Tobacco-Free Maine, the Maine Cardiovascular Health Program, and the Physical Activity and Nutrition Program. It is anticipated that one award will be made for this contract, with the first contract period running for an 11-month period at a level of $745,000 with the expectation annual renewal for an additional four (4) years.

To receive a copy of the proposal application, call, fax, email or write Natalie Jackson and ask for an application for RFP FY05 - BOH/EVALUATION. The full application is not available by electronic mail.

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natalie.jackson@maine.gov

The deadline for written questions is Friday, April 29, 2005 by 5 p.m., local time. Mail or fax questions to Andrew Finch, Bureau of Health, Key Plaza, 4th Floor, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011, fax number is 207-287-4636.

Completed applications are due by 2:00 p.m. local