Congressman Blumenauer visited with the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers last week when they gathered for their annual meeting in Portland. Electrical workers have seen improving employment over the last year but still face a difficult job climate like many construction trades. Blumenauer offered encouragement and a look back on the decades of important work electrical workers have done to build a strong Portland-Metro Region.

"Your trade has been such a tremendous part of what has made Portland great, from Intel to our Light Rail system," said Blumenauer. "We have work ahead in construction that will mean more jobs and promote energy efficiency for the region. With your continued partnership I'm confident we will have strong, innovative projects ahead to build on what we have done here."