

# Oregon Housing & Community Services Department

## **Community Profile:**

**Population** 3,217,000 (state-wide)

**Location** Portland-based

## **Position Description:**

**Sponsor** Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS D)

**Supervisor** Alan Kramer, Assistant Manager, Community Services Section

## **Assignment**

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS D) developed its Energy Rated Homes of Oregon (ERHO) program in 1995 to create more affordable housing to Oregonians. ERHO assists homebuyers in determining their potential energy costs, and allows the homebuyer to finance energy improvements. The RARE participant serves as the Marketing Manager for the program, and is responsible for statewide outreach and promotion of the program. Administrative duties include developing and delivering presentations to lenders, realtors, homebuyers, builders and others interested in the homebuying industry. Management duties include researching and developing the ERHO program.

## **Required Skills**

Project management (budgeting, scheduling, computer skills), advanced written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work independently.

## **RARE Member: Sarah Pearmine - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant**

Sarah has a BS in Journalism from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Sarah worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer as a Health Education Specialist in The Gambia, focusing most of her time on developing and overseeing needs assessment trainings. She is interested in housing and community development, and in the future hopes to work for a non-profit or neighborhood housing service performing needs assessments and providing adult education opportunities.