



## Multistory experience

**Background:** Art Cortez Construction, **small minority owned business**, offers interior / exterior drywall assemblies for commercial projects around Oregon and Southwest Washington. Prior to starting Art Cortez Construction in 2007, Art worked as a Journeyman Union Carpenter.

Some company project highlights include: PGE Park Renovation, Mirabella Retirement Community, and the Burnside Brewery Renovation.

Art Cortez Construction is a subcontractor on the Edith Green Wendell Wyatt Federal Building Modernization project to Cascade Acoustics, Inc. Art Cortez Construction scope includes demolition, metal framing, exterior sheathing, wall and ceiling insulation, drywall, ACT ceilings, acoustical seal at penetrations, head and base wall assemblies, and rough Carpentry. Art was recently awarded a second contract with Howard S. Wright for fiber reinforced plastic.

### How the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Project Helped:

Art Cortez Construction was able to keep their skilled employees working and acquired a motivated apprentice for the project. The project allowed for the purchase of new tools and equipment that the company will be able to use on future projects. The project gave Art and his team an understanding of what is required to perform and be successful while working on a multistory project, and enabled them to develop strong contractor and vendor relations. Mentoring from Cascade Acoustics, Inc. helped with the development of coded time cards and certified payroll. Art also gained knowledge and understanding about the value of a QAQC program in providing the customer and owner with a quality product.

### The Results:

Sustainable relationships have been built on the Edith Green Wendell Wyatt project. Cascade Acoustics and Howard S. Wright have offered Art Cortez the opportunity to price additional projects.



Howard S. Wright awarded Art Cortez the fiber reinforced plastic scope at the Edith Green Wendell Wyatt project.

## FAST FACTS

**Project:** Renovate GSA's Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt federal building creating a high performance green building consistent with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) intention.

**Location:** Portland, Oregon

**Impacts:** Opportunity for local small businesses, workers, families, commuters, and students.

**Contract Value:** \$478,045

**Company:** Art Cortez Construction

**Partners:** Howard S. Wright, SERA Architects