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March 3, 2015

Senate Committee of Finance
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 565

How will Oregon, Arciform & Versatile Wood Products Benefit?

- This is a **modest investment** with a **BIG IMPACT** in terms of **job created, downtown vitality, sustainability, seismic safety**...and we end up with tangible assets that will serve for decades.
- An economic impact study by EcoNorthwest found that “Oregon would indeed be better off with a state Historic Rehabilitation Incentive.” Their study projects:
 - 4x more historic buildings rehabbed and reused than without the incentive
 - *Arciform and Versatile have worked on hundreds of historic commercial buildings throughout Oregon over the past 15 years*
 - Over 1300 jobs per year, with income exceeding \$25M
 - *Arciform and Versatile employ 75 of those and contributes to \$4M of the income*
 - \$2.3M more in annual property tax revenues for school and local services
 - Over \$13M new federal Tax Credit dollars brought to Oregon
 - Nearly a \$34M annual net increase in our state GDP

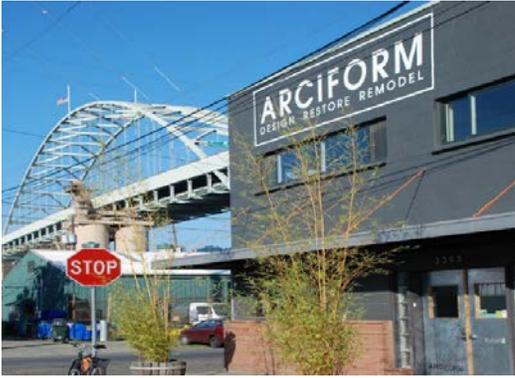
Sincerely,

Richard De Wolf
Owner

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Relevant Project Experience



About Arciform

Arciform specializes in the restoration and remodel of vintage and historic homes and structures, ranging from Pioneer through Mid-Century Modern. Whether we are working on the restoration of a historic landmark or helping people renovate their kitchen, we provide solutions that are both respectful of the building's architectural integrity and tailored to each client's unique needs. Arciform respects its clients, employees and the environment while maintaining a superior level of quality, service and craftsmanship.



About Versatile Wood Products

Versatile provides historically accurate custom wood sash, cabinetry, doors and millwork using techniques originated by 18th and 19th century craftsmen. Our 40,000 square foot wood shop allows us to tackle projects of any scale ranging from a single reproduction sash to a complete custom kitchen or a commercial storefront entry system. Our experienced team specializes in balancing period appropriate architectural design specifications with modern performance standards, combining historic techniques and modern technologies to meet your design and budget goals. Our state of the art CNC router and extensive library of knives and patterns can replicate original details and create innovative solutions to your trickiest design problem. We also offer the ability to order and customize manufactured window and door products through Marvin, Simpson, Alliance, Velux and more.

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Union Station

National Register of Historic Places

Window Restoration & Replacement | Portland, Oregon

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Union Station first began operation in 1896. Designed by the Boston architectural firm Van Brunt and Howe and constructed of elegant blend of brick, stucco and sandstone, the station has been a central hub of transportation for the past 100 years. In 2010, Versatile Wood Products was chosen to restore all 284 of Union Station's wood windows. A team of specialists carefully selected both new and old wood for the replacement windows to ensure historic authenticity. Ornate casing and other trim elements were custom milled in Versatile Wood Products' custom workshop and seamlessly integrated into the existing architecture by Arciform's restoration team.



Umpqua Valley Arts Center

Window & Door Restoration | Roseburg, Oregon

The stately brick building on Harvard Avenue that houses the Umpqua Valley Arts Center served a different clientele when it was built in 1917. Instead of art admirers and art students, the brightly lit rooms housed sick and injured veterans from the Civil War through World War I. From 1917 to 1933, the building, which the city of Roseburg owns and the Umpqua Valley Arts Association rents, was a state-run veterans' hospital. Arciform performed a specialized wood window restoration that involved surveying, restoring and increasing the energy efficiency of over 60 windows and doors.

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Washington High School

Window Replacement | Portland, Oregon

Washington High School opened in 1906. Due to declining enrollment, the school closed in May of 1981. After sitting vacant for decades, the building was purchased by Venerable Properties and was converted to retail and office space by Bremik Construction. Versatile Wood Products constructed over 60 replica sash that feature double pane insulated glass and simulated divided lites to increase the building's energy efficiency. Versatile modified the original window design to feature a fixed top sash and operable bottom sash in order to account for the additional weight of the insulated glass. These new sash were re-installed by Bremik into the original frames and re-connected to the existing weight and pulley systems.



Champoeg Pavilion

National Register of Historic Places

Renovation & Seismic Retrofitting | Champoeg State Park, St. Paul, Oregon

On May 2, 1843 a group of 102 farmers and trappers came together in the town of Champoeg to vote for a provisional government. This historic vote signified the creation of Oregon and was commemorated in 1901 with the dedication of Champoeg Park, which is now part of the US National Register of Historic Places. The Pioneer Memorial Building was built in 1922 to house annual celebrations honoring that momentous day in 1843. Nearly a century later, the logs and beams that provided structural support for the pavilion were heavily infested with carpenter ants. Arciform was contracted for renovation and seismic retrofitting of the historic structure. New logs were locally sourced from Silver Falls Park and installed using custom fabricated seismic hold-downs.

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The Old Church

National Register of Historic Places

Door Restoration & Replacement | Portland, Oregon

Built in 1882, this downtown building was designed by Warren H. Williams, whose Victorian-era architectural style can be seen in fifty Portland area buildings. This neglected building was restored in the late 1970s. Versatile built 6 redwood doors that were each 2 ¼ inches thick, duplicating the original construction of tongue and groove planks and panels.



Portland City Hall

National Register of Historic Places

Window Restoration & Replacement | Portland, Oregon

Home to the offices of the Portland City Council, this four-story Italian Renaissance style building was completed in 1895 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. In November 1970, a dynamite fueled bomb under the portico caused significant damage, including blown out windows. Versatile built replacement windows with oak interiors and fir exteriors for much of the building in the late 1980s. The windows included security insulated glass and chains and pulleys counter balancing the heavy sash.



St. Philip Neri Church

Window Restoration & Replacement | Portland, Oregon

Built in 1950, St. Philip Neri Church was designed by famous architect Pietro Belluschi. In 2000 the church underwent a large renovation to restore the original architecture and atmosphere. In the fall of 2011 Versatile Wood Products and Arciform were contracted to restore all tall stained glass windows in place and remove and rebuild a large aluminum Modern window.

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Timberline Lodge

National Register of Historic Places
**Window & Door Restoration & Replacement |
Government Camp, Oregon**

Built in the late 1930s, Timberline Lodge is a National Historic Landmark and one of the crowning achievements of the Works Progress Administration. Versatile has worked with the proprietors of the lodge for over a decade to provide historically accurate reproduction windows, doors, and millwork that respectfully match the style and construction techniques of the original WPA architecture and are built to withstand the weather extremes of Mt. Hood. The most recent project converted the Lodge's original porte cochere (a covered driveway entrance for cars) into an ADA accessible entryway.



Marylhurst University

Window Restoration & Replacement | Marylhurst, Oregon

Versatile has been working with AC Schommer and Sons for 6 years, supplying replacement sash for a number of phases in the main administrative BP John building. The new sash duplicate the appearance of the original sash but include high performance glass and weather stripping with simulated divided lite technology.



White Stag Building, University of Oregon

Window & Door Replacement | Portland, Oregon

The White Stag Block comprises three historic buildings: the Bickel (1883), the Skidmore (1889) and the White Stag (1907) owned by Venerable Properties. Rich in history and legend, the LEED Gold renovation saved these Old Town Portland architectural icons by combining them into one urban education and office center. The open-structure design honors the original building elements. Versatile's scope of work included restoration components for over 200 windows including insulated sash, duplication of a few complete windows and restoration of doors over 100 years old.

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McMenamin's Crystal Hotel

Entry Doors & Operable Picture Windows | Portland, Oregon

This once abandoned building reopened on May 3, 2010 as the Crystal Hotel – a boutique 51-room hotel with a main-floor restaurant. Constructed in 1911, the ground floor housed auto part stores and residential lodging above. In later years, the hotel changed hands many times. The ground floor restaurant became various night clubs, one even drawing a federal investigation for their “anything goes” behavior. Purchased by McMenamins in 2008, major construction was finally underway in late 2010. Versatile was contracted by Pacific Crest Construction to supply storefront systems that feature very unusual picture sash that are operable vertically and counter-weighted. The scope also included oak entry doors and guest room door systems, that integrated modern key card security systems.



McMenamin's Barley Mill Pub

Bi-Folding Exterior Entry System | Portland, Oregon

Working with Pacific Crest Construction and Ankrom Moisan Architects, Versatile created custom bi-fold exterior doors for this street level pub and café that featured top track operation to allow for an ADA accessible entry. The project took into consideration heavy weather exposure and included sliding interior windows. Opened together, the two parts were designed to create an open air eating experience.

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The Witherspoon Building

Storefront Replication & Entry System | Portland, Oregon

This historic 1890 downtown building was purchased by the creative firm Parliament who worked closely with LSW Architects and R&H Construction to renovate the space to meet historic standards. Versatile supplied a custom storefront and entry system which replicated the original design that had been bricked over and destroyed in a previous remodel. The entry system matched historic profiles and details while integrating necessary security technology.



Salishan Spa

Entry System & Custom Mahogany Screens | Gleneden Beach, Oregon

A newer building built in the 1990s with a contemporary feel, Versatile built 3 large mahogany balanced-pivot doors that were each 4 to 5 feet wide to provide an architectural focal point for the design. Screens of architectural millwork provide artful coverings for the aluminum windows.

Balance-pivot operation allows for very wide doors to operate with great ease because the majority of the weight is transferred down to pivots in the floor.



Wickersham Building

National Register of Historic Places Entry System | Portland, Oregon

Built in 1910, the Wickersham Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in March 1983. The existing entry doors for this building posed accessibility and security issues since the main door was only 27 inches wide, requiring both doors to be opened to get large items such as a bike into the building. To solve this problem, Arciform referenced the original look and designed a wider door and narrower sidelite that was custom built by Versatile Wood Products. The mahogany door integrated an electric strike plate for the fob key entry system.

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Woodsman Tavern

Traditional Storefront & Entry System | Portland, Oregon

Duane Sorenson's flagship restaurant project was a 2012 Bon Appétit Best New Restaurant nominee that launched the revitalization of SE Division Street, now one of Portland's hippest dining destinations. Versatile was hired by Orange-PDX Construction to replace the dated aluminum storefront with replicated traditional wood divided-lite transoms over picture windows with insulated glass and custom wood entry doors. Versatile also supplied custom entry doors for two of Duane Sorenson's other SE Division Street projects, Ava Gene's and Roman Candle Bakery.



Industrial Home Building

Window & Transom Replacements | Portland, Oregon

Built in 1893, this building first served as a hay and feed business. In 1913 the Salvation Army acquired the building and it became Portland's Industrial Home providing jobs and shelter to unemployed men where second hand goods were collected, repaired and sold to the public. EVO, a Seattle based snowboarding company with an international footprint, purchased the Salvation Army building on SE MLK Boulevard with the goal of restoring the structure and turning it into their Portland headquarters. Working with R&H Construction and Fletcher Farr Ayotte Architects, Versatile provided replacement windows, sidelites and door transoms for their North and West elevations.



Coquille River Lighthouse

National Register of Historic Places

Window Restoration & Replacement | Bandon, Oregon

One of eight lighthouses along the Oregon Coast, the Coquille River Lighthouse has had an interesting 110 year history. Originally built on a rocky island, it was decommissioned and fell into disrepair. An earlier maintenance project restored the exterior walls and the original windows were replaced with sheets of glass. Versatile Wood Products was contracted to build ten new windows to match the original, using historic techniques and sustainable materials and methods. Components were built in Versatile Wood Products' custom workshop and shipped to Bandon, where they were assembled in place by Arciform.

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Dayton Block House Café

National Register of Historic Places

Bar, Table Tops & Entry Systems | Dayton, Oregon

This historic church was built in 1886 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Versatile Wood Products worked with architect Paul Falsetto to manufacture a 10 foot tall walnut back bar and surrounding cabinets which cleverly hide new required seismic bracing. The tabletops were made from salvaged floor joists reclaimed from the building itself. The scope of this project also included the front and rear entry systems which were installed by Fackler Construction.



Gallon House Bridge

Structural Renovation | Silverton, Oregon

The Gallon House Bridge got its name from its history of being the “pigeon drop” for bootleggers and moonshiners during the Prohibition Era. Built in 1916, this Oregon treasure is part of the National Register of Historic Places and is the state's oldest covered bridge (and the only one still carrying traffic in Marion County!). In 2011 Arciform was contacted to restore the Gallon House Bridge to its original glory, including complete roof reconstruction, structural replacement of support members, and detailed exterior refinishing. The team at Arciform worked diligently to ensure that all structural modifications preserved the historical integrity of the bridge and sound enough to prevent significant future deterioration.

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Fort Yamhill Officers Quarters

Interior Restoration | Grande Ronde, Oregon

Built in 1856 to regulate the eastern border of the Grand Ronde Agency Coastal Reservation, Fort Yamhill represented a time of transition for the people of the Northwest. The post served to ease tension between settlers and natives, protect both populations and control traffic between them. Unfortunately, over the past 150 years Fort Yamhill has undergone little updating and only two of the buildings still remain on the property. Arciform was selected to restore the Officers Quarters, which had been heavily affected by dry rot. Floors and walls were replaced, period appropriate interior finishes applied and wood doors and windows carefully restored to ensure that the historical integrity of this important monument were kept intact.

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Team Experience



Richard De Wolf

Owner | Versatile Wood Products & Arciform

Richard, a graduate of Clemson University's School of Architecture and the owner of both Arciform and Versatile Wood Products, has over twenty years of experience in the design and renovation industry. He has always endeavored to uphold the important skill and art of fine period restoration and advocate for the importance of preserving of our historic built environment. Richard spends a majority of his time overseeing the daily operations and business development of Versatile Wood Products and Arciform; however, he is always eager to join the team out at the job site and work with his hands. Richard is a certified log home builder through the Log Home Builders Association, past director of the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, has served for many years on the Board of Directors for the non-profit Architectural Heritage Center and currently is on the board of Restore Oregon (formerly the Historic Preservation League of Oregon).



Alan Hart-McArthur

Director of Product Development | Versatile Wood Products

Alan Hart-McArthur comes to his position as Director of Product Development of historic windows through an early appreciation of traditional homes shared with his father, through his early years remodeling older homes and an advanced "degree" spent studying the built windows which survived the decades of Northwest weather (and those which didn't). He has been involved with windows and doors for over thirty years as manager and subsequently owner at Versatile Sash and Woodworking, now Versatile Wood Products. He continues to remodel a 100 year old Craftsman in SE Portland and enjoys escapes to the Oregon Coast and to Southern Oregon for fun and sun.

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Eric Voss

Shop Manager | Versatile Wood Products

Eric's 35 years of window, door and carpentry experience and 8 years' experience with Versatile Wood Products brings a wide breadth of knowledge and skill to the table. Eric manages the carpentry work and daily operations of Versatile Wood Product's state of the art 40,000 square foot workshop, where all the windows, doors, millwork and cabinetry are custom fabricated for each restoration project. The exceptional quality and period appropriate detailing that sets Arciform and Versatile apart can be attributed to Eric and his team's attention to detail, expertise in historic styles and fine woodworking skills.



Mike Adair

Commercial Project Manager | Arciform

Mike Adair has been a construction professional since the 1970s. He has extensive experience working with turn of the century techniques and structures; restoring doors and fenestration, providing a sound building envelope and energy efficient space. Past experience includes being a superintendent for Yorke Construction on a variety of projects including a new building at the Portland Japanese Garden with traditional Japanese elements. As an independent contractor Mike has built out tenant spaces in turn of the century masonry buildings in Portland's downtown, including the Wilcox Block.

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Alex Mackenzie

Sales Team Member | Versatile Wood Products

Alex studied western architectural history at Willamette University and upon graduation went to work for one of the world's largest window and door manufacturers. After a few too many years working with mass produced fenestration Alex was happily hired by Versatile to focus instead on fine, craft built windows and doors. Alex has nearly a decade of experience working with architects, contractors and home owners on all of their window and door challenges. Alex has always cherished architecture as the only art form that we all interact with daily. Windows and doors are the functional pieces of this art form which enable us to interact with architecture in ways no other art form can.



Rex Vaccarro

Cabinet & Custom Products Specialist | Versatile Wood Products

Rex received his Associates degree in Architectural Drafting and Design from Portland Community College and has 13 years of experience in cabinetry including 10 with European cabinetry from engineering through installation. Rex joined Arciform in 2011 as an architectural drafter to explore interests in more traditional architecture and design. He became Versatile Wood Products' cabinet specialist in 2012, where he had the opportunity to design historically appropriate cabinetry for the Heceta Head Light House, as well as other projects including a custom walnut bar and reclaimed fir tables for the Block House Café in Dayton. Rex approaches every project as a unique puzzle and his favorite part is making it all come together into an elegant and functional solution.

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Adam Schoeffel

Project Manager & Lead Carpenter

Adam joined Arciform in 2005. His ability to flawlessly manage the countless details and moving parts of each project has been critical to the final success of every renovation. With over 15 years of experience in carpentry and project management, Adam excels at seamlessly integrating the new into the old. His ability to delicately balance this act ensures that the historical integrity and beauty of each building Arciform touches is maintained.