Congressman Blumenauer met with the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) on Monday to discuss support for minorities and women emerging small business. OAME operates a business incubator in the heart of the North Williams area in North/Northeast Portland and has gone from 8 members in 1987 to over 600 businesses today. At Monday's meeting, OAME members and Congressman Blumenauer were on the same page regarding the need to rebuild and renew the country.

Congressman Blumenauer pointed to improving water, sewer, electric and transit infrastructure as way to create jobs for minority and women owned businesses and beyond. “I will push Congress to fund transportation and infrastructure and to expand opportunities for OAME members” said Blumenauer. "Keep up the great work you do mentoring small businesses and helping them succeed in these trying times."