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MINUTES REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING THE PORT OF PORTLAND April 10, 2024

Following due notice to the public, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland was held at 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook conference room of the Port's administrative offices, located at 7200 NE Airport Way, and virtually for those Commissioners, members of the public, presenters and staff unable to attend in person. The meeting was streamed live on the Port's website and YouTube channel.

An audio recording was made of these proceedings. The recording, and the full Commission agenda, is available on the Port's website: www.portofportland.com. The following written minutes constitute a summary of the proceedings.

QUORUM

Commissioners present were: Katy Coba, President, presiding; Michael Alexander; Mike DeVaughn; Sam Johnson; Katherine Lam; Richelle Luther; Meg Niemi; Ketan Sampat and Stuart Strader. Also present were Curtis Robinhold, Executive Director, and participating staff members.

MINUTES

Commissioner Coba called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of March 13, 2024. Commissioner Alexander moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lam seconded the motion, which was put to a voice vote. Commissioners Alexander, Coba, DeVaughn, Johnson, Lam, Luther, Niemi, Sampat and Strader voted in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Curtis Robinhold addressed the Commission and audience; his comments covered the following general topics:

- Welcomed the new Port employees in the audience;
- Acknowledged the Port's monthly safety champions and asked John Akre for this month's safety message;
- Said the opening for the new terminal is set for August. He said the additional three months of construction time gives our crew the breathing room to keep the 950 local folks – our family, friends and neighbors – working safely, which is our main priority. He said the commitment of this team is extraordinary, and sometimes we all need a little more time to do things right;
- Noted the opening of the new United Airlines hangar. He said the Port partnered with United Airlines to update the reverted military hangar. United's financial investment in the facility was approximately \$17 million and the hangar is planned to support aircraft up to 737 Max-10s and A321s; and
- Provided a brief update on the container service at Terminal 6 and noted we recently wrapped up a series of shipping community conversations across the state including Albany, Boardman, Aurora and Portland.

Commissioner Coba called for a motion to approve the Executive Director's Report. Commissioner Strader moved to approve the Executive Director's Report. Commissioner Niemi seconded the motion, which was put to a voice vote. Commissioners Alexander, Coba, DeVaughn, Johnson, Lam, Luther, Niemi, Sampat and Strader voted in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments were received from Blaine Ackley, a resident of Hillsboro. His written statement is attached to the minutes.

Miki Barnes, a resident of Banks, addressed the Commission regarding the purchase and use of leaded fuel at Hillsboro Airport and her public records request. Her written statement is attached to the minutes.

Sorin Garber, a resident of Portland and transportation planning consultant, addressed the Commission regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' environmental studies being conducted to dredge or possibly breach the lower Snake River dams, which could make the Snake River non-navigable.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Economic Overview

Josh Lehner, Economist with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, provided an overview of Oregon's economic outlook.

Following the presentation there were questions and comments from the Commission.

Terminal 6 Container Business Update

Keith Leavitt, Chief Trade & Economic Development Officer, provided an update of the Terminal 6 container business.

Following the presentation there were questions and comments from the Commission.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

Fran Breeding, Director of Finance Planning & Analysis, discussed the Portwide budget assumptions; reviewed the total Port operating revenues and expenses; and provided a budget summary for aviation, marine and industrial development.

Following the presentation there were questions and comments from the Commission.

Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Following Ms. Breeding's presentation, Commissioner Coba opened a public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony on the Port's proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

There was no public testimony pertaining to the Port's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget and Commissioner Coba closed the public hearing.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 2

PORT OF PORTLAND CONTRACTING RULES AND CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD RULES

This agenda item requested approval of revisions to two items: (1) the Port of Portland (Port) *Contracting Rules* (see Exhibit A-1, "redlined" version, and Exhibit A-2, final version); (2) the Port *Contract Review Board Rules* (see attached Exhibit B-1, "redlined" version, and Exhibit B-2, final version). Item No. 2 is supported by the attached Exhibit C, Request for Approval of Class Special Procurement).

Kendall Foose presented the Executive Director's recommendations as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commission adopts the revised Port Contracting Rules set forth as Exhibit A-2 as the Port's official Contracting Rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission, as the Port's Contract Review board, approves the Request for Approval of Class Special Procurement, attached as Exhibit C; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission, as the Port's Contract Review Board, adopts the revised Port Contract Review Board Rules, attached as Exhibit B-2 as the Port's official Contract Review Board Rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Exhibits A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2 and C be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Following the presentation there were questions and comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Coba called for a motion to approve the recommendation to adopt the revised Port Contracting Rules. Commissioner Luther moved to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion, which was put to a voice vote. Commissioners Alexander, Coba, DeVaughn, Johnson, Lam, Luther, Niemi, Sampat and Strader voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Coba recessed the Port of Portland Board of Commissioners and called to order the Port of Portland Contract Review Board.

Commissioner Coba called for a motion and second to approve the Request for Approval of Class Special Procurement and to adopt the revised Port Contract Review Board Rules. Commissioner Strader moved to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Niemi seconded the motion, which was put to a voice vote. Commissioners Alexander, Coba, DeVaughn, Johnson, Lam, Luther, Niemi, Sampat and Strader voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Coba recessed the Port of Portland Contract Review Board and called back to order the Port of Portland Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hildebrand, Business Representative for Teamsters Local 305, addressed the Commission regarding his concerns about substandard wage rates. He said Locals 305 and 206 have collective bargaining agreements with more than 3,000 people that work on or near Port properties. He asked that the Port stand by their shared prosperity commitment and join him to help move economic prosperity forward for everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

President

Assistant Secretary

Date Signed

Date: April 10, 2024

To: Port of Portland Board of Commissioners

From: Miki Barnes

President Coba, Members of the Commission,

Thank you for hearing my testimony.

In 2016, Carole Smith, was forced to resign from her position as Portland Public Schools Superintendent over the failure of the district to address concerns about lead tainted drinking water at various Portland public schools. According to a 7/19/2016 Willamette Week article [Five Findings in the Lead Investigation That Forced the Resignation of Superintendent Carole Smith](#), an independent investigation into lead contaminated water in Portland schools found that the district cultivated a culture of willful ignorance, incompetence, deception and an “absence of diligent inquiry.” In addition, the district was cited for failing to protect children's health and for failing to warn students and teachers about possible sources of lead poisoning.

I raise this issue because it bears an uncanny resemblance to the attitude of the Port of Portland towards the lead poisoning and other environmental harms caused by fossil-fuel burning aviation activity at their airports.

Six months have now elapsed since I first came before this board requesting information about the amount of leaded fuel purchased, sold and distributed at the Hillsboro and other Port owned airports. To assist in gathering this information I was assigned a Port staff person who informed me that due to a household crisis she would be out of the office much of the time. Thus beyond a few brief email responses, little substantive information was provided.

As a result of this unsatisfactory, dismissive and inconclusive response, I revised my request and presented it before this board on 2/14/2024. The following day I was instructed to submit a formal Public Records request which I did.

On 3/29/2024 I received an email from the Port Public Records Department stating that the estimated cost for the provision of this data exceeded \$3,000 and that my request for a fee waiver was denied.

The information on fuel usage at Port of Portland airports should not require a public records request. Moreover, in light of the negative impact of lead and jet fuel emissions on global warming, the environment, ecological diversity and human health, information not this nature should be routinely posted on publicly accessible websites.

There are now multiple studies involving more than a million children and over 500 airports revealing that children living in the vicinity of airports have elevated blood lead levels. In fact, at Reid-Hillview Airport in Santa Clara County, blood lead levels equaled those detected in children during the Flint water crisis. Yet despite these findings and the EPA's endangerment finding that leaded aviation fuel emissions pose a hazard to human health, the Port continues to profit from dousing communities in these toxic emissions on a daily basis.

Local residents have a right to know the impact of major polluters on the surrounding community so that they can make educated decisions on where to live, raise their families, and recreate.

The Port's ongoing policy of obfuscation and postponement in providing accurate data on the amount of lead and jet fuel distributed, purchased, and dispensed at Port of Portland owned and operated airports is unconscionable. I again request a fee waiver and the release of this data without further delay.

Please include these comments in their entirety in the meeting minutes.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Miki Barnes

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Commissioners,

I am writing today to make you aware of two situations that need your immediate attention. First is the matter of public documents and transparency. Second is the issue of timely responses to safety issues.

- 1) As you may or may not know, most public airports publish the data about monthly and yearly avgas fuel sales and make that data available to the public. Miki Barnes has been requesting this information dating back to 2012. However, the Port through Kama Simonds, told Miki that she was getting the information but then Kama went on leave and Miki didn't receive a response from the Port. Miki made another request for this data but this time the response was on you would not expect. She was told that she could have the information, but it would cost her \$300.

I cannot understand how data that can be put into a PDF filed and transferred via email could cost \$300. After all, there is no printing expense on a PDF file. And why should anyone have to pay for information which most other airports make freely available to the public.

- 2) The other issue that I would like to bring to your attention is public safety. I found it very interesting at the last Commission meeting, the Port was congratulating itself and the project manager for the PDX airport remodel project for doing a safety shut down after several near accidents had occurred during the construction.

Yet, the citizens living around the Hillsboro Airport (HIO) are faced with a daily cloud of poisonous lead raining down on them daily. Where is the sense of emergency here? Where is the stand down to review safety features? What has been the Port's response since 2000? "We are working on it". "There will be a replacement fuel in 2018". "We are part of a project to development an unleaded avgas (PAFI)."

Also, on the PAFI project that the Port is so proud of being a partner, the Port failed to tell the Commissioners that all the major players in the project have dropped or suspended their research on developing a replacement unleaded fuel.

Therefore, we citizens of Hillsboro are really a bothersome after thought. I see law suits in the future and you, the Port Commission, have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the Port's assets. Frankly, you folks are trying to make progress (for that I am hopeful) but thus far the Port has offered NO MEANINGFUL ACTION to study, ameliorate, or end the sale of avgas at HIO. On the contrary, the Port has continued to obfuscate, mislead, and make it more difficult to gain information or register complaints.

The clock is ticking folks. You are either the problem or you are part of working on a solution. Which side are you on? For the sake of the children, the residents of Hillsboro?

Blaine Ackley
Hillsboro

PORT OF PORTLAND CONTRACTING RULES

~~2020~~2024 EDITION

Introduction

Adoption and Authority

These Contracting Rules were adopted by the Port of Portland Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2005, and revised on March 8, 2006⁵; July 9, 2008⁵; November 10, 2010⁵; December 12, 2012⁵; May 14, 2014⁵; May 11, 2016⁵; July 11, 2018⁵; December 9, 2020; and ~~December 9, 2020~~, April 10, 2024 pursuant to the authority granted by ORS 279A.065(6).

Effective Date

These Contracting Rules became effective on ~~December 9, 2020~~, April 10, 2024, with respect to public contracts entered into or advertised on or after that date.

Applicability

These Contracting Rules apply to the Port of Portland’s public contracts under ORS Chapters 279A, 279B, and 279C. The Port is also subject to ORS Chapter 279, regarding contracts with qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities (known as “~~Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities~~Oregon Forward Contractors” or “~~QRF~~OF” under OAR 125-055-0005). However, these Contracting Rules do not apply to the Port’s contracts with ~~QRF~~OF.

Format

Those provisions of the Public Contracting Code (Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 279A, 279B, and 279C) applicable to Port of Portland public contracts and public improvement contracts are set forth in full herein. Provisions applicable only to state agencies are generally excluded. Excluded sections, subsections, paragraphs, etc. are denoted by “* * *.” Compilers’ notes generally have been omitted. The Port’s unique Contracting Rule implementing or otherwise related to a particular statute, if any, appears immediately after each such statute, in italic text and within a shaded text box. This format has been utilized to facilitate the integrated application of statutory requirements and rule requirements to Port contracting.

Contract Review Board Rules Published Separately

These Contracting Rules do not include the Port of Portland’s Contract Review Board Rules. The Contract Review Board Rules are published separately.

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General Provisions

279A.005 Short title. ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C may be cited as the Public Contracting Code. [2003 c.794 §1]

[no Port rule]

279A.010 Definitions for Public Contracting Code. (1) As used in the Public Contracting Code, unless the context or a specifically applicable definition requires otherwise:

(a) “Bidder” means a person that submits a bid in response to an invitation to bid.

(b) “Contracting agency” means a public body authorized by law to conduct a procurement. “Contracting agency” includes, but is not limited to, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and any person authorized by a contracting agency to conduct a procurement on the contracting agency’s behalf. “Contracting agency” does not include the judicial department or the legislative department.

(c) “Days” means calendar days.

(d) “Department” means the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(e) “Director” means the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a person designated by the director to carry out the authority of the director under the Public Contracting Code.

(f) “Emergency” means circumstances that:

(A) Could not have been reasonably foreseen;

(B) Create a substantial risk of loss, damage or interruption of services or a substantial threat to property, public health, welfare or safety; and

(C) Require prompt execution of a contract to remedy the condition.

(g) “Energy savings performance contract” means a public contract between a contracting agency and a qualified energy service company for the identification, evaluation, recommendation, design and construction of energy conservation measures, including a design-build contract, that guarantee energy savings or performance.

(h) “Executive department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.112.

(i) “Goods” includes supplies, equipment, materials, personal property, including any tangible, intangible and intellectual property and rights and licenses in relation thereto, and combinations of any of the items identified in this paragraph.

(j) “Goods and services” or “goods or services” includes combinations of any of the items identified in the definitions of “goods” and “services.”

(k)(A) “Grant” means:

(i) An agreement under which a contracting agency receives moneys, property or other assistance, including but not limited to federal assistance that is characterized as a grant by federal law or regulations, loans, loan guarantees, credit enhancements, gifts, bequests, commodities or other assets, from a grantor for the purpose of supporting or stimulating a program or activity of the contracting agency and in which no substantial involvement by the grantor is anticipated in the program or activity other than involvement associated with monitoring compliance with the grant conditions; or

(ii) An agreement under which a contracting agency provides moneys, property or other assistance, including but not limited to federal assistance that is characterized as a grant by federal law or regulations, loans, loan guarantees, credit enhancements, gifts, bequests, commodities or other assets, to a recipient for the purpose of supporting or stimulating a program or activity of the

recipient and in which no substantial involvement by the contracting agency is anticipated in the program or activity other than involvement associated with monitoring compliance with the grant conditions.

(B) “Grant” does not include a public contract for a public improvement, for public works, as defined in ORS 279C.800, or for emergency work, minor alterations or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement, when under the public contract a contracting agency pays, in consideration for contract performance intended to realize or to support the realization of the purposes for which grant funds were provided to the contracting agency, moneys that the contracting agency has received under a grant.

(L) “Industrial oil” means any compressor, turbine or bearing oil, hydraulic oil, metal-working oil or refrigeration oil.

(m) “Judicial department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.113.

(n) “Legislative department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.114.

(o) “Local contract review board” means a local contract review board described in ORS 279A.060.

(p) “Local contracting agency” means a local government or special government body authorized by law to conduct a procurement. “Local contracting agency” includes any person authorized by a local contracting agency to conduct a procurement on behalf of the local contracting agency.

(q) “Local government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

(r) “Lowest responsible bidder” means the lowest bidder who:

(A) Has substantially complied with all prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements;

(B) Has met the standards of responsibility set forth in ORS 279B.110 or 279C.375;

(C) Has not been debarred or disqualified by the contracting agency under ORS 279B.130 or 279C.440; and

(D) If the advertised contract is a public improvement contract, is not on the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227.

(s) “Lubricating oil” means any oil intended for use in an internal combustion crankcase, transmission, gearbox or differential or an automobile, bus, truck, vessel, plane, train, heavy equipment or machinery powered by an internal combustion engine.

(t) “Person” means a natural person capable of being legally bound, a sole proprietorship, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company or partnership, a limited partnership, a for-profit or nonprofit unincorporated association, a business trust, two or more persons having a joint or common economic interest, any other person with legal capacity to contract or a public body.

(u) “Post-consumer waste” means a finished material that would normally be disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item. “Post-consumer waste” does not include manufacturing waste.

(v) “Price agreement” means a public contract for the procurement of goods or services at a set price with:

(A) No guarantee of a minimum or maximum purchase; or

(B) An initial order or minimum purchase combined with a continuing contractor obligation to provide goods or services in which the contracting agency does not guarantee a minimum or maximum additional purchase.

(w) “Procurement” means the act of purchasing, leasing, renting or otherwise acquiring goods or services. “Procurement” includes each function and procedure undertaken or required to be undertaken by a contracting agency to enter into a public contract, administer a public contract and obtain the performance of a public contract under the Public Contracting Code.

(x) “Proposer” means a person that submits a proposal in response to a request for proposals.

(y) “Public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

(z) “Public contract” means a sale or other disposal, or a purchase, lease, rental or other acquisition, by a contracting agency of personal property, services, including personal services, public improvements, public works, minor alterations, or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement. “Public contract” does not include grants.

(aa) “Public contracting” means procurement activities described in the Public Contracting Code relating to obtaining, modifying or administering public contracts or price agreements.

(bb) “Public Contracting Code” or “code” means ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C.

(cc) “Public improvement” means a project for construction, reconstruction or major renovation on real property by or for a contracting agency. “Public improvement” does not include:

(A) Projects for which no funds of a contracting agency are directly or indirectly used, except for participation that is incidental or related primarily to project design or inspection; or

(B) Emergency work, minor alteration, ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement.

(dd) “Public improvement contract” means a public contract for a public improvement. “Public improvement contract” does not include a public contract for emergency work, minor alterations, or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement.

(ee) “Recycled material” means any material that would otherwise be a useless, unwanted or discarded material except for the fact that the material still has useful physical or chemical properties after serving a specific purpose and can, therefore, be reused or recycled.

(ff) “Recycled oil” means used oil that has been prepared for reuse as a petroleum product by refining, rerefining, reclaiming, reprocessing or other means, provided that the preparation or use is operationally safe, environmentally sound and complies with all laws and regulations.

(gg) “Recycled paper” means a paper product with not less than:

(A) Fifty percent of its fiber weight consisting of secondary waste materials; or

(B) Twenty-five percent of its fiber weight consisting of post-consumer waste.

(hh) “Recycled PETE” means post-consumer polyethylene terephthalate material.

(ii) “Recycled product” means all materials, goods and supplies, not less than 50 percent of the total weight of which consists of secondary and post-consumer waste with not less than 10 percent of its total weight consisting of post-consumer waste. “Recycled product” includes any product that could have been disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item, but otherwise is refurbished for reuse without substantial alteration of the product’s form.

(jj) “Secondary waste materials” means fragments of products or finished products of a manufacturing process that has converted a virgin resource into a commodity of real economic value. “Secondary waste materials” includes post-consumer waste. “Secondary waste materials” does not include excess virgin resources of the manufacturing process. For paper, “secondary waste materials” does not include fibrous waste generated during the manufacturing process such as fibers recovered from waste water or trimmings of paper machine rolls, mill broke, wood slabs, chips, sawdust or other wood residue from a manufacturing process.

(kk) “Services” mean services other than personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, except that, for state contracting agencies with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or 279A.140, “services” includes personal services as designated by the state contracting agencies.

(LL) “Special government body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.117.

(mm) “State agency” means the executive department, except the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer in the performance of the duties of their constitutional offices.

(nn) “State contracting agency” means an executive department entity authorized by law to conduct a procurement.

(oo) “State government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.111.

(pp) “Used oil” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459A.555.

(qq) “Virgin oil” means oil that has been refined from crude oil and that has not been used or contaminated with impurities.

(2) Other definitions appearing in the Public Contracting Code and the sections in which they appear are:

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(kkk)	“Transportation planning services”	ORS 279C.100
(LLL)	“Unnecessarily restrictive”	ORS 279B.405

[2003 c.794 §2; 2003 c.794 §2a; 2005 c.22 §199; 2005 c.103 §1a; 2005 c.153 §2; 2005 c.360 §13; 2007 c.764 §1; 2011 c.458 §8; 2017 c.715 §4]

Port Rule A.010 Definition of Disaster

As used in the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Disaster" means a severe storm, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, drought, fire, earthquake, explosion, war, acts of terrorism, civil disturbance, or other catastrophe that causes or may cause substantial damage or injury to persons or property within the Port's boundaries or area of jurisdiction.

279A.015 Policy. It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in enacting the Public Contracting Code, that a sound and responsive public contracting system should:

- (1) Simplify, clarify and modernize procurement practices so that they reflect the ~~market~~ placemarketplace and industry standards.
- (2) Instill public confidence through ethical and fair dealing, honesty and good faith on the part of government officials and those who do business with the government.
- (3) Promote efficient use of state and local government resources, maximizing the economic investment in public contracting within this state.
- (4) Clearly identify rules and policies that implement each of the legislatively mandated socioeconomic programs that overlay public contracting and accompany the expenditure of public funds.
- (5) Allow impartial and open competition, protecting both the integrity of the public contracting process and the competitive nature of public procurement. In public procurement, as set out in ORS chapter 279B, meaningful competition may be obtained by evaluation of performance factors and other aspects of service and product quality, as well as pricing, in arriving at best value.

(6) Provide a public contracting structure that can take full advantage of evolving procurement methods as they emerge within various industries, while preserving competitive bidding as the standard for public improvement contracts unless otherwise exempted. [2003 c.794 §3]

Port Rule A.015 Policy

The Port of Portland's Contracting Rules are intended to fully implement the Public Contracting Code, maximize the Port's flexibility in adjusting its contracting procedure to the specific circumstances of each procurement, and to ensure that the Port receives the maximum benefit from the public funds expended on public contracts.

279A.020 Organization of Public Contracting Code. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, all public contracting by a contracting agency is subject to this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting involving public improvements and other construction services is subject to this chapter and ORS chapter 279C, but not ORS chapter 279B.

(3) Public contracting involving architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners, land surveyors and related services is subject to this chapter and ORS chapter 279C, but not ORS chapter 279B.

(4) Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, all other public contracting is subject to this chapter and ORS [chapter](#) 279B, but not ORS chapter 279C. [2003 c.794 §4; 2005 c.103 §2; 2011 c.458 §9]

[no Port rule]

279A.025 Application of Public Contracting Code. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Public Contracting Code applies to all public contracting.

(2) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to:

(a) Contracts between a contracting agency and:

(A) Another contracting agency;

(B) The Oregon Health and Science University;

(C) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

(D) The Oregon State Bar;

(E) A governmental body of another state;

(F) The federal government;

(G) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

(H) A nation, or a governmental body in a nation, other than the United States; or

(I) An intergovernmental entity formed between or among:

(i) Governmental bodies of this or another state;

(ii) The federal government;

(iii) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

(iv) A nation other than the United States; or

(v) A governmental body in a nation other than the United States;

(b) Agreements authorized by ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or agencies;

(c) Insurance and service contracts as provided for under ORS 414.115, 414.125, 414.135 and 414.145 for purposes of source selection;

(d) Grants;

(e) Contracts for professional or expert witnesses or consultants to provide services or testimony relating to existing or potential litigation or legal matters in which a public body is or may become interested;

(f) Acquisitions or disposals of real property or interest in real property;

(g) Sole-source expenditures when rates are set by law or ordinance for purposes of source selection;

(h) Contracts for the procurement or distribution of textbooks;

(i) Procurements by a contracting agency from an Oregon Corrections Enterprises program;

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(q) Contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or established in connection with:

(A) The issuance of obligations, as defined in ORS 286A.100 and 287A.310, of a public body;

(B) Program loans and similar extensions or advances of funds, aid or assistance that a public body makes to a public or private body for the purpose of carrying out, promoting or sustaining activities or programs authorized by law; or

(C) The investment of funds by a public body as authorized by law, and other financial transactions of a public body that by their character cannot practically be established under the competitive contractor selection procedures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085;

(r) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.105 (1), 243.125 (4), 243.221, 243.275, 243.291, 243.303 and 243.565;

(s) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.860 to 243.886; or

(t) Any other public contracting of a public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(3) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the contracting activities of:

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(k) Any other public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(4) ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225 and 279B.050 to 279B.085 do not apply to contracts made with qualified nonprofit agencies providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855. [2003 c.794 §5; 2003 c.794 §5a; 2005 c.22 §200; 2005 c.103 §3; 2005 c.109 §3; 2005 c.297 §3; 2005 c.748 §12; 2005 c.777 §15; 2007 c.7 §19; 2007 c.70 §67; 2007 c.71 §81; 2007 c.764 §2; 2007 c.783 §91; 2011 c.637 §88; 2013 c.492 §28; 2013 c.768 §123; 2015 c.447 §3; 2015 c.843 §19; 2017 c.183 §94; 2017 c.533 §3; 2019 c.90 §1; [2021 c.351 §19](#); [2023 c.193 §13](#)]

Port Rule A.025 Financial Transactions

For purposes of ORS 279A.025(2)(q)(A), contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or established in connection with the Port of Portland's issuance of obligations as defined in ORS 287A.310 include, without limitation: (i) agreements for dealer/underwriter, ratings agency, escrow, trustee, registrar, verification agent, and issuing/paying agent services; (ii) continuing covenant agreements; (iii) reimbursement agreements; (iv) bond insurance; (iv) surety bonds; and (v) liquidity facilities such as letters or lines of credit.

279A.030 Federal law prevails in case of conflict. Except as otherwise expressly provided in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, and notwithstanding ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 and this chapter and ORS chapter 279B, applicable federal statutes and regulations govern when federal funds are involved and the federal statutes or regulations conflict with any provision of ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 or this chapter or ORS chapter 279B, or require additional conditions in public contracts not authorized by ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 or this chapter or ORS chapter 279B. [2003 c.794 §6]

[no Port rule]

Authority

279A.050 Procurement authority. (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, a contracting agency shall exercise all of the contracting agency’s procurement authority in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

(b) If a contracting agency has authority under this section to carry out functions described in this section, or has authority to make procurements under a provision of law other than the Public Contracting Code, the contracting agency need not exercise the contracting agency’s authority in accordance with the provisions of the code if, under ORS 279A.025, the code does not apply to the contract or contracting agency.

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[2003 c.794 §7; 2005 c.625 §61; 2007 c.70 §68; 2007 c.197 §1; 2007 c.764 §3; 2009 c.397 §2; 2009 c.828 §13; 2011 c.658 §36; 2011 c.720 §73a; 2013 c.492 §29; 2015 c.167 §1; 2015 c. 243 §7; 2015 c.447 §4; 2015 c.807 §22; 2017 c.726 §1; [2021 c.631 §17](#); [2023 c.26 §6](#); [2023 c.193 §§14,15](#)]

[no Port rule]

279A.055 Personal services contracts. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279A.140, a contracting agency may enter into personal services contracts. The provisions of this section do not relieve a contracting agency of the duty to comply with ORS 279A.140, any other law applicable to state agencies or applicable city or county charter provisions.

(2) A state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contract review board by ordinance, resolution, administrative rule or other regulation may designate certain service contracts or classes of service contracts as personal services contracts. [2003 c.794 §8; 2005 c.103 §4]

[no Port rule; Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 defines “personal services”; see also Port Rule B.500]

279A.060 Local contract review boards. If the governing body of a local contracting agency takes no action to provide otherwise, the governing body is the local contract review board of that local contracting agency. However, the governing body of a local contracting agency may, by charter, ordinance or other local legislation, authorize a body, board or commission other than the governing body to serve as the local contract review board of the local contracting agency. The governing body of a local contracting agency also may enter into intergovernmental agreements under ORS chapter 190 to permit the local contract review board of another local contracting

agency or the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to exercise authority under ORS 279B.085. [2003 c.794 §9]

[no Port rule]

279A.065 Model rules generally; applicability to contracting agencies. (1) The Attorney General shall prepare and maintain model rules that specify procedures for public contracting under the Public Contracting Code and that are appropriate for all contracting agencies to use. The Attorney General may devise and publish forms for use with the model rules. The Attorney General shall adopt the model rules in accordance with ORS chapter 183. Before adopting or amending a model rule, the Attorney General shall consult with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation, representatives of county governments, representatives of city governments, representatives of school boards and other knowledgeable persons.

(2) The Attorney General shall adopt model rules that specify procedures for all contracting agencies to use to enter into energy savings performance contracts. Before adopting or amending a rule under this subsection, the Attorney General shall consult with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the State Department of Energy, local contracting agencies and other knowledgeable persons. The Attorney General may develop standard contract forms for use with energy savings performance contracts.

(3)(a) The Attorney General shall adopt model rules that specify procedures for all contracting agencies to use to procure construction manager/general contractor services. Before adopting or amending a rule under this subsection, the Attorney General shall consult with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation, local contracting agencies, construction contractors, construction subcontractors and other knowledgeable persons.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (6) of this section, a contracting agency may not adopt the contracting agency's own rules for procuring construction manager/general contractor services.

(4) After each legislative session, the Attorney General shall review all laws the Legislative Assembly passed that affect public contracting to determine if the Attorney General should amend or repeal a model rule prepared under this section or adopt a new rule. If the Attorney General determines that a modification of the model rules is necessary, the Attorney General shall prepare the modification within such time as to allow the modification to take effect no later than 120 days after the effective date of the legislation that caused the Attorney General to modify the rule. The Attorney General may prepare a modification to take effect 121 or more days after the effective date of the legislation if the Attorney General, in a notice to the state agencies and persons listed in subsection (1) of this section, specifies when the modification will take effect.

(5) A contracting agency that has not adopted the contracting agency's own rules of procedure in accordance with subsection (6) of this section is subject to the model rules the Attorney General adopts under this section, including all modifications to the model rules that the Attorney General may adopt.

(6)(a) A contracting agency may adopt the contracting agency's own rules of procedure for public contracts that:

(A) Specifically state that the model rules the Attorney General adopts under this section do not apply to the contracting agency; and

(B) Prescribe the rules of procedure that the contracting agency will use for public contracts, which may include portions of the model rules the Attorney General adopts.

(b) A contracting agency that adopts rules under this subsection shall review the rules each time the Attorney General modifies the model rules under this section to determine whether the contracting agency should modify the contracting agency's rules to ensure compliance with

statutory changes. [2003 c.794 §10; 2003 c.794 §10a; 2011 c.458 §10; 2013 c.522 §4; 2015 c.767 §80]

Port Rule A.065 Attorney General Model Rules Not Applicable to Port of Portland

Except as the Public Contracting Code may expressly require (for example, ORS 279C.337(1)), pursuant to ORS 279A.065(6)(a)(A) the model rules adopted by the Attorney General under ORS 279A.065 do not apply to the Port of Portland. The Port's Contracting Rules set forth herein in italic text and within shaded text boxes prescribe the rules of procedure that the Port of Portland uses for its public contracts, some of which include portions of the model rules adopted by the Attorney General.

279A.070 Rules. In addition to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 (6), a contracting agency may, in exercising authority granted under ORS 279A.050, adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Public Contracting Code, including but not limited to rules for procuring, managing, disposing of and controlling goods, services, personal services and public improvements under the Public Contracting Code. Each contracting agency authorized to enter into personal services contracts shall create procedures to screen and select persons to perform personal services. [2003 c.794 §11; 2003 c.794 §11a; 2013 c.522 §5]

[no Port rule; see specific rules]

279A.075 Delegation. (1) Unless otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, a person or agency that has an authority under the code may delegate and subdelegate the exercise of the authority in whole or in part. Notwithstanding delegations of authority under this section, the code and rules adopted under the code govern a person's or agency's exercise of the delegated authority.

* * * [2003 c.794 §12; 2015 c.807 §23]

[no Port rule]

Minorities, Women And Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Minority-Owned Businesses, Woman-Owned Businesses, Veteran-Owned Businesses and Emerging Small Businesses

279A.100 Affirmative action; limited competition permitted. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Affirmative action" means a program designed to ensure equal opportunity in employment and business for persons otherwise disadvantaged by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or physical or mental disability or a policy to give a preference in awarding public contracts to disabled veterans.

(b) "Disabled veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

(2) The provisions of the Public Contracting Code may not be construed to prohibit a contracting agency from engaging in public contracting practices designed to promote affirmative action goals, policies or programs for disadvantaged or minority groups or to give a preference in awarding public contracts to disabled veterans.

(3) In carrying out an affirmative action goal, policy or program, a contracting agency by appropriate ordinance, resolution or rule may limit competition for a public contract for goods and services, or for any other public contract estimated to cost \$50,000 or less, to contracting entities owned or controlled by persons described in subsection (1) of this section. [2003 c.794 §13; 2009 c.235 §1]

Port Rule A.100 Affirmative Action

The Port of Portland may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.100(3) if the Port’s legal counsel determines that the exercise of authority would be legally permissible, and if the Port determines that the exercise of authority would be desirable under the particular circumstances.

279A.105 Subcontracting to emerging small businesses or veteran-owned businesses ~~that service-disabled veterans own~~. (1) A contracting agency may require a contractor to subcontract some part of a contract to, or to obtain materials for use in performing the contract from, a business that is certified under ORS 200.055 as an emerging small business or as a veteran-owned business ~~that a service-disabled veteran owns~~.

(2) A contracting agency may require a contractor to subcontract some part of a contract to, or to obtain materials to be used in performing the contract from, a business that is certified under ORS 200.055 as an emerging small business and that, as identified by the contracting agency, is located in or draws the business’s workforce from economically distressed areas, as designated by the Oregon Business Development Department.

(3) A contracting agency may require that a public contract be awarded to a responsible bidder or proposer, as defined in ORS 200.005, that the contracting agency determines has made good faith efforts as prescribed in ORS 200.045. [2003 c.794 §14; 2005 c.103 §5; 2009 c.235 §2; 2015 c.565 §12; 2023 c.497 §11]

Port Rule A.105 Subcontracting to Emerging Small Businesses or Veteran-Owned Businesses ~~that Service-Disabled Veterans Own~~; Disqualification and Suspension for Statutory Violations

(1) Subcontracting to Emerging Small Businesses – Economically Distressed Areas

For purposes of ORS 279A.105(2), a subcontractor certified under 200.055 as an emerging small business is located in or draws its workforce from economically distressed areas if:

(a) Its principal place of business is located in an area designated as economically distressed under administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Business Development Department; or

(b) The contractor certifies in writing to the Port that a substantial number of the subcontractor's employees or subcontractors that will manufacture or provide the goods or perform the services or personal services under the contract reside in an area designated as economically distressed under administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Business Development Department. For purposes of making the foregoing determination, the Port shall determine in each particular instance what proportion of a subcontractor's employees or subcontractors constitutes a “substantial number.”

(2) Authority to Implement ORS 279A.105 in Port Procurements

The Port may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.105(1), (2), or (3) when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, on a case-by-case basis, that it is in the Port’s best interests to include such a requirement in a procurement.

(3) Disqualification and Suspension for Statutory Violations

(a) The Port may disqualify a person from consideration for award of a contract under ORS 200.065(5), or suspend a person's right to bid on or participate in any public contract under ORS 200.075(1), after providing the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) The Port shall notify the person in writing of a proposed disqualification pursuant to this section, served personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. This notice shall:

(A) State that the Port intends to disqualify or suspend the person;

(B) Set forth the reasons for the disqualification;

(C) Include a statement of the person's right to a hearing if requested in writing within the time stated in the notice and that if the Port does not receive the person's written request for a hearing within the time stated, the person shall have waived its right to a hearing;

(D) Include a statement of the authority under which the hearing will be held;

(E) Include a reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;

(F) State the proposed disqualification period; and

(G) State that the person may be represented by legal counsel.

(c) The Port shall schedule a hearing upon the Port's receipt of the person's timely request. The Port shall notify the person of the time and place of the hearing and provide information on the procedures, right of representation and other rights related to the conduct of the hearing prior to hearing.

(f) Notice of disqualification. The Port will notify the person in writing of its disqualification, served personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall contain:

(A) The effective date and period of disqualification;

(B) The grounds for disqualification; and

(C) A statement of the person's appeal rights and applicable appeal deadlines.

279A.107 Certification as disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business ~~that service disabled veteran owns~~ or emerging small business during term of public contract; exceptions. (1) A contracting agency that under ORS 279A.105 awards a public contract to a responsible bidder, as defined in ORS 200.005, that has made good faith efforts, as described in ORS 200.045 (3), or that awards a public contract in the course of carrying out an affirmative action goal, policy or program under ORS 279A.100 shall:

(a) Provide as a material condition of the public contract that a contractor remain certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business ~~that a service disabled veteran owns~~ or emerging small business under ORS 200.055 for the entire term of the public contract, if the contracting agency awarded the public contract, in whole or in part, on the basis of the contractor's certification.

(b) Require a contractor to provide in the contractor's subcontracts that a subcontractor remain certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business ~~that a service disabled veteran owns~~ or emerging small business under ORS 200.055 for the entire term of the subcontract, if the contractor awards the subcontract, in whole or in part, on the basis of the subcontractor's certification.

(c) Verify the contractor's or subcontractor's compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(d) Verify that a contractor is paying a subcontractor that is certified under ORS 200.055 promptly as provided in ORS 279B.220 or 279C.570, as appropriate.

(2)(a) If a contracting agency determines at any time during the term of a public contract that a contractor to which the contracting agency awarded the public contract on the basis described in subsection (1) of this section, or a subcontractor to which the contractor awarded a subcontract in connection with the public contract on the basis described in subsection (1) of this section, is no longer certified, the contracting agency may:

(A) Terminate the public contract;

(B) Require the contractor to terminate the subcontract; or

(C) Exercise any of the remedies for breach of contract that are reserved in the public contract.

(b) The actions a contracting agency may take under paragraph (a) of this subsection are in addition to and not in lieu of any other action the Oregon Business Development Department may take with respect to the contractor or subcontractor under ORS 200.065.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply to an emerging small business as defined in ORS 200.005 that, because of growth in the number of full-time equivalent employees or average annual gross receipts that occurs during the term of the public contract, no longer qualifies as a tier one firm or tier two firm, as those terms are defined in ORS 200.005, or for which a certification under ORS 200.055 expires during the term of the public contract. [2015 c.325 §2; 2015 c.565 §26; [2023 c.497 §12](#)]

[no Port rule]

279A.110 Discrimination in subcontracting prohibited; remedies. (1) A bidder or proposer that competes for or is awarded a public contract may not discriminate against a subcontractor in awarding a subcontract because the subcontractor is a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a [veteran-owned](#) business ~~that a service-disabled veteran owns~~ or an emerging small business that is certified under ORS 200.055.

(2) A contracting agency may debar or disqualify, under ORS 279B.130 or 279C.440, as appropriate, a bidder or proposer if the contracting agency finds that the bidder or proposer has violated subsection (1) of this section in awarding a subcontract in connection with a contract the contracting agency advertised or otherwise solicited or a contract between the contracting agency and the bidder or proposer. A debarred or disqualified bidder or proposer may appeal the debarment or disqualification under ORS 279B.425 or ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450, as appropriate.

(3) A contracting agency may not allege an occurrence of discrimination in subcontracting as a basis for debarring or disqualifying a bidder or proposer under subsection (2) of this section more than three years after the alleged discriminatory conduct occurred or more than three years after the contracting agency, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered the conduct, whichever is later.

(4) A bidder or proposer shall certify in the bid or proposal that the bidder or proposer has not discriminated and will not discriminate, in violation of subsection (1) of this section, against a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a [veteran-owned](#) business ~~that a service-disabled veteran owns~~ or an emerging small business in awarding a subcontract.

(5) If a contracting agency awards a public contract to a contractor and the contractor violates the contractor's certification under subsection (4) of this section, the contracting agency may regard the violation as a breach of contract that permits the contracting agency to:

- (a) Terminate the contract; or
- (b) Exercise any of the remedies for breach of contract that are reserved in the contract. [2003 c.794 §15; 2009 c.235 §3; 2015 c.565 §13; [2023 c.497 §13](#)]

[no Port rule]

279A.112 Requirement to certify that contractor has policy and practice of preventing sexual harassment, sexual assault and discrimination against employees who are members of protected class; required elements of certification; exceptions. * * * [2017 c.212 §2]

[no Port rule]

Contract Preferences

279A.120 Preference for Oregon goods and services; nonresident bidders. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Nonresident bidder” means a bidder who is not a resident bidder.

(b) “Resident bidder” means a bidder that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in this state during the 12 calendar months immediately preceding submission of the bid, has a business address in this state and has stated in the bid whether the bidder is a “resident bidder” under this paragraph.

(2) For the purposes of awarding a public contract, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Give preference to goods or services that have been manufactured or produced in this state if price, fitness, availability and quality are otherwise equal; and

(b) Add a percent increase to the bid of a nonresident bidder equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to the bidder in the state in which the bidder resides.

(3) When a public contract is awarded to a nonresident bidder and the contract price exceeds \$10,000, the bidder shall promptly report to the Department of Revenue on forms to be provided by the department the total contract price, terms of payment, length of contract and such other information as the department may require before the bidder may receive final payment on the public contract. The contracting agency shall satisfy itself that the requirement of this subsection has been complied with before the contracting agency issues a final payment on a public contract.

(4) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services on or before January 1 of each year shall publish a list of states that give preference to in-state bidders with the percent increase applied in each state. A contracting agency may rely on the names of states and percentages so published in determining the lowest responsible bidder without incurring any liability to any bidder. [2003 c.794 §16]

Port Rule A.120 Preference for Oregon Goods and Services; Nonresident Bidders

If low bids or quotations are tied, the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then the Port of Portland shall award the contract to the offeror whose goods or services are manufactured or produced in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then Port shall award the contract by drawing lots among those offering goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then the Port shall award the contract by drawing lots among the tied offerors.

279A.125 Preference for recycled materials. (1) Notwithstanding provisions of law requiring a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation and subject to subsection (2) of this section, a contracting agency charged with the procurement of goods for any public use shall give preference to the procurement of goods manufactured from recycled materials.

(2) A contracting agency shall give preference to goods that are certified to be made from recycled materials if:

(a) The recycled product is available;

(b) The recycled product meets applicable standards;

(c) The recycled product can be substituted for a comparable nonrecycled product; and

(d) The recycled product's costs do not exceed the costs of nonrecycled products by more than five percent, or a higher percentage if a written determination is made by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §17]

[no Port rule]

279A.128 Preference for goods fabricated or processed within state or services performed within state. (1) As used in this section, "services" means services as defined in ORS 279A.010 (1)(kk) and personal services designated under ORS 279A.055.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding provisions of law requiring a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation, a contracting agency that uses public funds to procure goods or services for a public use under ORS chapter 279B may give preference to ~~procuring:~~

(A) Procuring goods or services provided by a benefit company that is incorporated, organized, formed or created under ORS 60.754, that submits with a bid or proposal a certificate of existence issued under ORS 60.027 and has the majority of the benefit company's regular, full-time workforce located in this state at the time the benefit company submits the bid or proposal, if the goods or services cost not more than five percent more than goods or services available from a contractor that is not a benefit company; or

(B) Procuring goods that are fabricated or processed, or services that are performed, entirely within this state if the goods or services cost not more than 10 percent more than goods that are not fabricated or processed, or services that are not performed, entirely within this state.

(b) If more than one bidder or proposer qualifies for ~~the~~ preference described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contracting agency may give a further preference to a qualifying bidder or proposer that resides in or is headquartered in this state.

~~(c)~~ (c) The contracting agency by order may set a higher percentage than the ~~percentage~~percentages set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the contracting agency, in a written determination to support the order, finds good cause to set the higher percentage and explains the contracting agency's reasons and evidence for the finding.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.320 (1), subsection (2) of this section does not apply to emergency work, minor alterations, ordinary repairs or maintenance work for public improvements or to other construction contracts described in ORS 279C.320 (1). [2009 c.214 §2; 2011 c.237 §1; 2023 c.559 §1]

Port Rule A.128 Authority to Implement ORS 279A.128 in Port Procurements

The Port may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.128 (2) when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, on a case-by-case basis, that it is in the Port's best interests to give such a preference in a procurement.

279A.130 Preference for exceeding Buy America requirements for transit projects; rules.

(1) Notwithstanding provisions of law that require a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation, a contracting agency that receives and uses funds from the federal government or an agency of the federal government for a transit project may give preference to a bidder or proposer that exceeds federal Buy America requirements that apply to federally funded transit projects, as permitted under 49 C.F.R. 661.21 as that regulation existed on March 16, 2012.

(2) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Attorney General may adopt rules under ORS 279A.065 and establish policies and procedures to implement subsection (1) of this section. [2012 c.58 §2]

[no Port rule]

State Procurement

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Intergovernmental Relations

Generally

279A.180 Purchases through federal programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Public Contracting Code, a procurement may be made without competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals or other competition required under ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085 provided that:

(1) The procurement is made in accordance with rules adopted by the contracting agency for procurements under this section; and

(2) The procurement is made under 10 U.S.C. 381, the Electronic Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347) or other federal law that is, as determined by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a local contract review board, similar to 10 U.S.C. 381 or section 211 of the Electronic Government Act of 2002 in effectuating or promoting transfers of property to contracting agencies. [2003 c.794 §22]

Port Rule A.180 Purchases through Federal Programs

The Port of Portland may procure goods or services through agencies of the federal government, either directly or through the State of Oregon, and from vendors to agencies of the federal government if the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the procurement would be in the best interest of the Port. Procurements under this section are permitted only if expressly permitted by federal law, and shall be made in accordance with procedures established by the responsible federal agencies. If the procurement is also through the State of Oregon, the procurement also shall comply with procedures established by the State of Oregon. The procurements authorized by this section include without limitation: (1)

procurements under 10 U.S.C. 381 through the State of Oregon and the Department of Defense of law enforcement equipment suitable for counter-drug activities; and (2) procurements under P.L. 107-347, section 211, through General Services Administration supply schedules of automated data processing equipment (including firmware), software, supplies, support equipment, and services (as contained in federal supply classification code group 70).

279A.185 Local contracting agency arrangements for use or disposition of personal property authorized. (1) Notwithstanding the competitive procurement requirements of ORS chapters 279B and 279C, a local contracting agency may sell, transfer or dispose of personal property in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.070.

(2) Notwithstanding the competitive procurement requirements of ORS chapters 279B and 279C, a local contracting agency may negotiate with one or more private or public entities to establish contracts, agreements and other cooperative arrangements for the use, operation, maintenance or ultimate lawful disposition of personal property owned by or under the control of the local contracting agency, including property acquired under ORS 279A.260. Before approving such a contract, agreement or arrangement, the governing body of the local contracting agency must make a finding that the contract, agreement or arrangement will promote the economic development of the local contracting agency, of the geographical area in which the local contracting agency is situated or of other public bodies that perform similar functions. [2003 c.794 §23]

Port Rule A.185 *Disposition of Surplus Personal Property*

(1) The Port of Portland may sell, transfer, or dispose of personal property no longer required for Port purposes (“Surplus Property”) as follows:

(a) Sale. If the Port elects to sell Surplus Property, the sale shall be by sealed competitive bid or by auction unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that another method of sale will better serve the Port’s interests. Alternative methods of sale include without limitation sale through the State of Oregon’s surplus property program and sale via an electronic auction, such as e-Bay.

(b) Transfer in Promotion of Port Interests. The Port may transfer Surplus Property to a public entity, private entity, or charitable organization if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the transfer will promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, or industrial interests of the Port, and that the value to the Port of such promotion exceeds the amount the Port would likely realize if the Surplus Property were sold.

(c) Disposal. The Port may dispose of Surplus Property by depositing it in a landfill or waste transfer station, or otherwise disposing of it without a sale or transfer under subsections (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this rule, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that such a disposal results in the least net cost to the Port.

(d) Transfer for Less Cost than Disposal. The Port may dispose of Surplus Property by transferring it to a public entity, private entity, or charitable organization if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the transfer results in a net cost to the Port less than if the Port were to dispose of the property under subsection (1)(c) of this rule. Preference among transferees shall be given to those whose activities tend to promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, or industrial interests of the Port.

(2) *Specific processes for implementing this rule may be established in Port-wide policies, procedures, guidelines, or standards.*

(3) In evaluating the Port’s maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, and industrial interests under this rule, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may consider the Port’s mission and core values as updated from time to time, including without limitation building shared prosperity for the region through travel, trade, and economic development.

279A.190 Transfers of fire protection equipment between fire departments. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) “Fire protection equipment” has the meaning given that term in ORS 476.005.
- (b) “Public contract” includes a sale at no cost.
- (c) “Regularly organized fire department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 652.050.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Public Contracting Code, transfers of fire protection equipment under public contracts between regularly organized fire departments may be made without competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals or other competition required in ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085, provided:

- (a) The recipient regularly organized fire department makes a written request for the fire protection equipment to the transferor regularly organized fire department;
- (b) The fire protection equipment is surplus to or unusable by the transferor;
- (c) The total fair market value of fire protection equipment received by the recipient does not exceed \$50,000 per calendar year; and
- (d) The transferor holds a public hearing, with hearing notice published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation a minimum of 14 days before the hearing, and finds that the public contract is in the public’s interest. [2003 c.794 §24]

[no Port rule]

Cooperative Procurement

279A.200 Definitions for ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225. (1) As used in ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225:

- (a) “Administering contracting agency” means a governmental body in this state or in another jurisdiction that solicits and establishes the original contract for the procurement of goods, services or public improvements in a cooperative procurement.
- (b) “Cooperative procurement” means a procurement conducted on behalf of more than one governmental body. “Cooperative procurement” includes but is not limited to multiagency contracts and price agreements. “Cooperative procurement” does not include an agreement formed among only governmental bodies under ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or agencies.
- (c) “Cooperative procurement group” means a group of governmental bodies joined through an intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of facilitating cooperative procurements.
- (d) “Interstate cooperative procurement” means a permissive cooperative procurement in which the administering contracting agency is a governmental body, domestic or foreign, that is authorized under the governmental body’s laws, rules or regulations to enter into public contracts and in which one or more of the participating governmental bodies are located outside this state.

(e) “Joint cooperative procurement” means a cooperative procurement in which the participating governmental bodies or the cooperative procurement group and the bodies’ or group’s contract requirements or estimated contract requirements for price agreements are identified.

(f) “Original contract” means the initial contract or price agreement solicited and awarded during a cooperative procurement by an administering contracting agency.

(g) “Permissive cooperative procurement” means a cooperative procurement in which the purchasing contracting agencies are not identified.

(h) “Purchasing contracting agency” means a governmental body that procures goods, services or public improvements from a contractor based on the original contract established by an administering contracting agency.

(2) As used in ORS 279A.210 (1)(a), 279A.215 (1)(a) and 279A.220 (1)(a), an administering contracting agency’s solicitation and award process uses source selection methods “substantially equivalent” to those identified in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 if the solicitation and award process:

(a) Calls for award of a contract on the basis of a lowest responsible bidder or a lowest and best bidder determination in the case of competitive bids, or on the basis of a determination of the proposer whose proposal is most advantageous based on evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals in the case of competitive proposals;

(b) Does not permit the application of any geographic preference that is more favorable to bidders or proposers who reside in the jurisdiction or locality favored by the preference than the preferences provided in ORS 279A.120 (2); and

(c) Uses reasonably clear and precise specifications that promote suitability for the purposes intended and that reasonably encourage competition. [2003 c.794 §25; 2007 c.764 §4]

[no Port rule]

279A.205 Cooperative procurements authorized. (1) A contracting agency may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a [joint](#) cooperative procurement for the procurement of any goods, services or public improvements.

(2) A contracting agency may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a permissive or interstate cooperative procurement for the procurement of any goods or services, but not public improvements. [2003 c.794 §26; 2005 c.103 §6]

[no Port rule]

279A.210 Joint cooperative procurements. (1) A joint cooperative procurement is valid only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency’s solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 or uses a competitive bidding process substantially equivalent to the competitive bidding process in ORS chapter 279C;

(b) The administering contracting agency’s solicitation and the original contract or price agreement identifies the cooperative procurement group or each participating purchasing contracting agency and specifies the estimated contract requirements; and

(c) No material change is made in the terms, conditions or prices of the contract between the contractor and the purchasing contracting agency from the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract between the contractor and the administering contracting agency.

(2) A joint cooperative procurement may not be a permissive cooperative procurement. [2003 c.794 §27]

[no Port rule]

279A.215 Permissive cooperative procurements. (1) A contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060;

(b) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and the original contract allow other contracting agencies to establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract;

(c) The contractor agrees to extend the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract to the purchasing contracting agency; and

(d) No material change is made in the terms, conditions or prices of the contract or price agreement between the contractor and the purchasing contracting agency from the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract between the contractor and the administering contracting agency.

(2)(a) A purchasing contracting agency shall provide public notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement if the estimated amount of the procurement exceeds \$250,000.

(b) The notice of intent must include:

(A) A description of the procurement;

(B) An estimated amount of the procurement;

(C) The name of the administering contracting agency; and

(D) A time, place and date by which comments must be submitted to the purchasing contracting agency regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(c) Public notice of the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4)(b) and (c).

(d) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.070, the purchasing contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the deadline for submission of comments regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(3) If a purchasing contracting agency is required to provide notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency shall provide vendors who would otherwise be prospective bidders or proposers on the contract or price agreement, if the procurement were competitively procured under ORS chapter 279B, an opportunity to comment on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(b) Vendors must submit comments within seven days after the notice of intent is published.

(c) And if the purchasing contracting agency receives comments on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement, before the purchasing contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through the permissive cooperative procurement, the purchasing contracting agency shall make a written determination that establishing a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement is in the

best interest of the purchasing contracting agency. The purchasing contracting agency shall provide a copy of the written determination to any vendor that submitted comments. [2003 c.794 §28]

[no Port rule]

279A.220 Interstate cooperative procurements. (1) A contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060;

(b) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and the original contract allows other governmental bodies to establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract; and

(c) The administering contracting agency permits the contractor to extend the use of the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract to the purchasing contracting agency.

(2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency, or the cooperative procurement group of which the purchasing contracting agency is a member, must be listed in the solicitation of the administering contracting agency as a party that may establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract, and the solicitation must be advertised in Oregon; or

(b)(A) The purchasing contracting agency, or the cooperative procurement group of which the purchasing contracting agency is a member, shall advertise a notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(B) The notice of intent must include:

(i) A description of the procurement;

(ii) An estimated amount of the procurement;

(iii) The name of the administering contracting agency; and

(iv) A time, place and date by which comments must be submitted to the purchasing contracting agency regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(C) Public notice of the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4)(b) and (c).

(D) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.070, the purchasing contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the deadline for submission of comments regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(3) If a purchasing contracting agency is required to provide notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency shall provide vendors who would otherwise be prospective bidders or proposers on the contract or price agreement, if the procurement were competitively procured under ORS chapter 279B, an opportunity to comment on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(b) Vendors must submit comments within seven days after the notice of intent is published.

(c) And if the purchasing contracting agency receives comments on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement, before the purchasing

contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through the interstate cooperative procurement, the purchasing contracting agency shall make a written determination that establishing a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement is in the best interest of the purchasing contracting agency. The purchasing contracting agency shall provide a copy of the written determination to any vendor that submitted comments.

(4) For purposes of this section, an administering contracting agency may be any governmental body, domestic or foreign, authorized under its laws, rules or regulations to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods and services for use by a governmental body. [2003 c.794 §29]

[no Port rule]

279A.225 Protests and disputes. (1) A protest regarding the procurement process, the contents of solicitation documents or the award or proposed award of an original contract may be directed only to the administering contracting agency. The protest must be in accordance with the provisions of ORS 279B.400 to 279B.425.

(2) A protest regarding the use of a cooperative procurement by a purchasing contracting agency after the execution of an original contract may be directed only to the purchasing contracting agency. The protest must be in accordance with the provisions of ORS 279B.400 to 279B.425 and is limited in scope to the purchasing contracting agency's authority to enter into a cooperative procurement contract.

(3) The decision of a local contracting agency to use a cooperative procurement is reviewable in the circuit court of the county where the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located. The decision of a state contracting agency to use a cooperative procurement shall be reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court of the county where the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located.

(4) Disputes regarding contract performance between a purchasing contracting agency and a contractor may be resolved solely by the purchasing contracting agency and the contractor. [2003 c.794 §30]

[no Port rule]

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279A.800 Consideration of whether bidder or proposer owes liquidated and delinquent debt to state. In addition to making a determination concerning a bidder's or proposer's responsibility under ORS 279B.110 or 279C.375, a contracting agency as part of the contracting agency's evaluation of a bid or proposal may consider at any time before executing a public contract with the bidder or proposer whether the bidder or proposer owes a liquidated and delinquent debt to the state. [2019 c.124 §2]

[no Port rule]

279A.803 Requirements for qualified projects funded with moneys from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; exceptions. (1) A public body that is carrying out a qualified project shall require each contractor in a contract with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or greater to:

(a) Enter into a project labor agreement that, at a minimum, provides for payment of wages at or above the prevailing rate of wage;

(b) Employ apprentices to perform 15 percent of the work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform under the contract, in a manner consistent with the apprentices' respective apprenticeship training programs;

(c) Establish and execute a plan for outreach, recruitment and retention of women, minority individuals and veterans to perform work under the contract, with the aspirational target of having at least 15 percent of total work hours performed by individuals in one or more of those groups; and

(d) Require any subcontractor engaged by the contractor to abide by the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection, if the work to be performed under the subcontract has an estimated cost of \$200,000 or greater.

(2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to a contract for a qualified project if the public body carrying out the qualified project demonstrates to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services that:

(a) The qualified project is primarily located in a county that is characterized as nonmetropolitan by the United States Office of Management and Budget; and

(b) Compliance with the requirements would, with respect to the contract:

(A) Cause significant expense or delay; or

(B) Limit the pool of bidders to fewer than three.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Apprentice" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(b) "Apprenticeable occupation" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(c) "Apprenticeship training program" means the total system of apprenticeship that a particular local joint committee, as defined in ORS 660.010, operates, including the local joint committee's registered standards and all other terms and conditions for qualifying, recruiting, selecting, employing and training apprentices in an apprenticeable occupation.

(d) "Minority individual" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005.

(e) "Prevailing rate of wage" has the meaning given that term in ORS 279C.800.

(f) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

(g) "Qualified project" means a project:

(A) For capital improvements to water, sewer, broadband or transportation infrastructure;

(B) That has an estimated project cost of at least \$10 million; and

(C) That utilizes at least \$750,000 of moneys made available to the state under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

(h) "Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

(i) "Woman" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005. [2021 c.678 §17]

[no Port rule]

Penalties

279A.990 Penalties. (1) The provisions of ORS 291.990 apply to ORS 279A.140, 279A.280 and 279B.270. Any violation of ORS 279A.140, 279A.280 or 279B.270 shall be punished as described in ORS 291.990.

(2) Any contractor, subcontractor, agent or person in authority or in charge who violates any provision of ORS 279C.520 or 279C.540 as to hours of labor commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) Any contractor or subcontractor subject to ORS 279C.840 who fails to pay the prevailing rate of wage as required by ORS 279C.840 commits a Class B misdemeanor. [2003 c.794 §46; 2011 c.597 §176]

[no Port rule]

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279B.005 Definitions. (1) As used in this chapter, unless the context or a specifically applicable definition requires otherwise:

(a) “Invitation to bid” means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting bids.

(b) “Procurement description” means the words used in a solicitation to describe the goods or services to be procured. “Procurement description” includes specifications attached to or made a part of the solicitation.

(c) “Request for proposals” means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

(d) “Responsible bidder” or “responsible proposer” means a person who meets the standards of responsibility described in ORS 279B.110.

(e) “Responsive bid” or “responsive proposal” means a bid or proposal that substantially complies with the invitation to bid or request for proposals and all prescribed procurement procedures and requirements.

(2) ORS 279A.010 contains general definitions applicable throughout this chapter. [2003 c.794 §47; 2005 c.103 §7; 2007 c.764 §5]

[no Port rule]

279B.010 Policy. In addition to the policy stated in ORS 279A.015, it is the policy of the State of Oregon that public contracting activities should:

(1) Provide effective outcomes that represent optimal value to the contracting agency and, to the greatest extent feasible, be consistent with market practices;

(2) Seek consistency in procurement practices between contracting agencies covered under the Public Contracting Code while preserving each contracting agency’s ability to adopt rules to maximize the contracting agency’s effectiveness; and

(3) Apply innovative practices while maintaining quality and integrity. [2003 c.794 §48]

[no Port rule]

279B.015 Applicability. ~~As provided in ORS 279A.020~~ Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting under this chapter is subject to ORS chapter 279A, but not ORS chapter 279C. [2003 c.794 §48a; 2005 c.103 §8]

Port Rule B.015 Application

This Division B of the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules implements ORS Chapter 279B, Public Procurements, and applies to the procurement of goods and services. The Port’s Contracting Rules for the procurement of personal services contracts are set forth at Port Contracting Rule B.500 and, where applicable, in Division C under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125. This Division B also applies to the procurement of personal services contracts, to the extent that the Contracting Rules described in the immediately preceding sentence do not govern a particular issue relating to a personal services contract procurement. This Division B does not apply to the procurement of public improvement contracts or contracts for public works; the Port’s Contracting Rules for the procurement of such contracts are located in Division C.

279B.020 Maximum hours of labor on public contracts; holidays; exceptions; liability to workers; rules.

(1) When labor is employed by a contracting agency through a contractor, a person may not be required or permitted to labor more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity or emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires it, in which event, the person so employed for excessive hours shall receive at least time and a half pay:

(a)(A) For all overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(B) For all overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(b) For all work performed on Saturday and on the following legal holidays:

(A) Each Sunday.

(B) New Year's Day on January 1.

(C) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

(D) Independence Day on July 4.

(E) Labor Day on the first Monday in September.

(F) Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November.

(G) Christmas Day on December 25.

(2) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who perform work under subsection (1) of this section, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that employees may be required to work.

(3) For the purpose of this section, each time a legal holiday, other than Sunday, listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be recognized as a legal holiday. Each time a legal holiday listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as a legal holiday.

(4) When specifically agreed to under a written labor-management negotiated labor agreement, an employee may be paid at least time and a half pay for work performed on any legal holiday specified in ORS 187.010 and 187.020 that is not listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(5) This section does not apply to contracts for personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, provided that persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all overtime worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for individuals under personal services contracts who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(6) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services at a county fair or for other events authorized by a county fair board if persons employed under the contract receive at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week.

(7) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section do not apply to a contract for services if the contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement in effect with any labor organization.

(8)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services. However, persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all time worked in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a contract for services, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the employees may be required to work.

(9) Any contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety ~~who violates subsection (1) or (2)~~ that violates the provisions of this section is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages. If the violation resulted from willful falsification of payroll records, the contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to twice the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages.

(10) An action to enforce liability to employees under subsection (~~3~~9) of this section may be brought as an action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(11) This section does not apply to:

(a) Financial institutions as defined in ORS 706.008.

(b) Labor performed in the prevention or suppression of fire under contracts and agreements made pursuant to the authority of the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry under ORS 477.406.

(c) Public contracts for goods or personal property.

(12) In accordance with ~~any applicable provision of~~ ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. [2003 c.794 §48b; 2005 c.103 §8a]

[no Port rule]

Note: The Bureau of Labor and Industries rules that carry out the provisions of ORS 279B.020 are in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 839, Division 020.

279B.025 Procurement practices regarding recyclable and reusable goods. All contracting agencies shall establish procurement practices that ensure, to the maximum extent economically feasible, the procurement of goods that may be recycled or reused when discarded. [2003 c.794 §49]

[no Port rule]

279B.030 Demonstration that procurement will cost less than performing service with contracting agency's own personnel and resources or that performing service is not feasible; exemptions; analysis for procurement related to information technology; rules. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279B.036, before conducting a procurement for services with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$250,000, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Demonstrate, by means of a written cost analysis in accordance with ORS 279B.033, that the contracting agency would incur less cost in conducting the procurement than in performing the services with the contracting agency's own personnel and resources; or

(b) Demonstrate, in accordance with ORS 279B.036, that performing the services with the contracting agency's own personnel and resources is not feasible.

(2) If a local contracting agency authorizes a department, bureau, office or other subdivision of the local contracting agency to conduct a procurement on behalf of another department, bureau, office or subdivision of the local contracting agency, the department, bureau, office or subdivision

on whose behalf the procurement is conducted shall comply with the requirement set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) A local contracting agency or a local contract review board for a city that has a population of not more than 15,000 or a county that has a population of not more than 30,000;

(b) A community college that enrolls not more than 1,000 full-time equivalent students, as defined in ORS 341.005;

(c) A special district, as defined in ORS 198.010, a diking district formed under ORS chapter 551 and a soil and water conservation district organized under ORS 568.210 to 568.808;

(d) The Port of Portland; or

(e) Procurements for client services the definition and scope of which the Oregon Department of Administrative Services specifies by rule.

(4)(a)(A) A state contracting agency that conducts a cost analysis in accordance with ORS 279B.033 or makes a determination under ORS 279B.036 in connection with a procurement for services related to information technology, as defined in ORS 291.045, shall provide the State Chief Information Officer and the Legislative Fiscal Office with copies of the final cost analysis the state contracting agency prepared under ORS 279B.033 or the final determination the state contracting agency made under ORS 279B.036.

(B) The requirement to provide the materials described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to the State Chief Information Officer does not apply to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer.

(b) The Legislative Fiscal Office may provide materials the office receives under paragraph (a) of this subsection to a committee of the Legislative Assembly or to the Emergency Board in accordance with policies the office develops.

(c) The State Chief Information Officer shall adopt rules and develop policies for incorporating materials the State Chief Information Officer receives under paragraph (a) of this subsection into the oversight functions that the State Chief Information Officer exercises under ORS 276A.206 and the planning functions that the State Chief Information Officer exercises under ORS 276A.233 and 276A.236. [2009 c.880 §2; 2016 c.16 §1]

[no Port rule]

279B.033 Contents of cost analysis; conditions under which procurement may proceed; exceptions. * * * [2009 c.880 §3]

[no Port rule]

279B.036 Determination of feasibility of procurement. * * * [2009 c.880 §4]

[no Port rule]

279B.040 Prohibition on accepting bid or proposal from contractor that advised or assisted contracting agency to develop specifications or solicitation documents; exceptions. * * * [2012 c.53 §2; 2014 c.77 §2]

[no Port rule]

Note: See Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.210, *Bids or Proposals from Bidders or Proposers that Advised or Assisted in Developing Specifications or Other Solicitation Documents.*

279B.045 Contractor warranty and covenant concerning tax law compliance. Every public contract that is subject to this chapter must include a representation and warranty from the contractor that the contractor has complied with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state, including but not limited to ORS 305.620 and ORS chapters 316, 317 and 318. The public contract must also require a covenant from the contractor to continue to comply with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state during the term of the public contract and provide that a contractor’s failure to comply with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state before the contractor executed the public contract or during the term of the public contract is a default for which a contracting agency may terminate the public contract and seek damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or under applicable law. [2015 c.539 §3]

[no Port rule]

Source Selection

Methods of Source Selection

279B.050 Methods of source selection. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a contracting agency shall award a public contract for goods or services by competitive sealed bidding under ORS 279B.055 or competitive sealed proposals under ORS 279B.060.

(2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to public contracts established as provided in ORS 279B.065, 279B.070, 279B.075, 279B.080 or 279B.085.

(3) Notwithstanding the applicability of ORS 279B.065, 279B.070, 279B.075, 279B.080 or 279B.085 to a public contract, a contracting agency nevertheless may award the public contract under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) A local contracting agency may elect, by rule, charter, ordinance or other appropriate legislative action, to award contracts for personal services, as designated under ORS 279A.055, under the procedures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085.

(5) State contracting agencies shall solicit contracts for personal services in accordance with ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085. [2003 c.794 §50; 2007 c.764 §6]

Port Rule B.050 Procurement Methods

(1) The Port of Portland shall award public contracts for goods and services covered by these Contracting Rules using any method authorized by state law or the Port’s Contracting Rules. Such different methods are called methods of “source selection.” Source selection methods include cooperative procurements, competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, and small, intermediate, sole source, emergency and special procurements.

(2) State law requires the Port to use the services of Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities (QRFs) in certain instances. When required, the Port shall use a QRF in accordance with the rules established for public agencies by the Department of Administrative Services, as restated in Port Contracting Rules Division A.

(3) Once the appropriate source selection method has been chosen the Port may consider the best means of selecting a contractor within the source selection method it has chosen, provided the method is amenable to such discretion.

(4) The Manager of Contracts and Procurement is authorized to waive any nonconformity with the rules of contractor selection if the Manager of Contracts & Procurement determines that the defect was minor and likely would not have had an effect on the outcome of the selection process.

Note: Rules for the screening and selection of personal services providers are set forth at Port Contracting Rule B.500.

279B.055 Competitive sealed bidding. (1) A contracting agency may solicit and award a public contract for goods or services, or may award multiple public contracts for goods or services when specified in the invitation to bid, by competitive sealed bidding.

(2) The contracting agency shall issue an invitation to bid, which must:

(a) Specify a time and date by which the bids must be received and a place at which the bids must be submitted. The contracting agency, in the contracting agency's sole discretion, may receive bids by electronic means or direct or permit a bidder to submit bids by electronic means.

(b) Specify the name and title of the person designated to receive bids and the person the contracting agency designates as the contact person for the procurement, if different.

(c) Describe the procurement. In the description, the contracting agency shall identify the scope of work included within the procurement, outline the contractor's anticipated duties and set expectations for the contractor's performance. Unless the contracting agency for good cause specifies otherwise, the scope of work shall require the contractor to meet the highest standards prevalent in the industry or business most closely involved in providing the appropriate goods or services.

(d) Specify a time, date and place for prequalification applications, if any, to be filed and the classes of work, if any, for which bidders must be prequalified in accordance with ORS 279B.120.

(e) State that the contracting agency may cancel the procurement or reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(f) State that "Contractors shall use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this document." if a state contracting agency issues the invitation to bid.

(g) Require the contractor or subcontractor to possess an asbestos abatement license, if required under ORS 468A.710.

(h) Include all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. The contract terms and conditions shall specify clear consequences for a contractor's failure to perform the scope of work identified in the invitation to bid or the contractor's failure to meet established performance standards. The consequences may include, but are not limited to:

(A) Reducing or withholding payment;

(B) Requiring the contractor to perform, at the contractor's expense, additional work necessary to perform the identified scope of work or meet the established performance standards; or

(C) Declaring a default, terminating the public contract and seeking damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or other applicable law.

(3)(a) The contracting agency may require bid security if the contracting agency determines that bid security is reasonably necessary or prudent to protect the interests of the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency shall return the bid security to all bidders upon the execution of the contract.

(c) The contracting agency shall retain the bid security if a bidder who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract. For purposes of this paragraph, prompt and proper execution of the contract includes all action by a bidder that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the invitation to bid, including posting performance security and submitting

proof of insurance when the invitation to bid requires the submission.

(4)(a) The contracting agency shall give public notice of an invitation to bid issued under this section. Public notice is intended to foster competition among prospective bidders. The contracting agency shall make invitations to bid available to prospective bidders.

(b) A public notice must be published at least once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the contract is to be performed and in as many additional issues and publications as the contracting agency may determine.

(c) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a local contract review board may, by rule or order, authorize public notice of bids or proposals to be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation if the director or board determines that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective.

(d) In addition to the modes of publication authorized by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the contracting agency may use any other medium reasonably calculated to reach prospective bidders or proposers.

(e) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 must prescribe the requirements for providing public notice of solicitations.

(f) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the solicitation closing date.

(5)(a) The contracting agency shall open bids publicly at the time, date and place designated in the invitation to bid. When authorized by, and in accordance with, rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, bids may be submitted, received and opened through electronic means.

(b) The contracting agency shall record the amount of a bid, the name of the bidder and other relevant information specified by rule adopted under ORS 279A.065. The record shall be open to public inspection.

(c) Notwithstanding a requirement to make bids open to public inspection after the contracting agency issues notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.501, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.502, that are contained in a bid.

(6)(a) The contracting agency shall evaluate all bids that are received before the time and date indicated for bid opening in the invitation to bid. The contracting agency shall evaluate the bids based on the requirements set forth in the invitation to bid. The requirements may include, in addition to the information described in subsection (2) of this section, criteria to determine minimum acceptability, such as inspection, testing, quality and suitability for intended use or purpose. Criteria that will affect the bid price and will be considered in evaluation for award including, but not limited to, discounts, transportation costs and total costs of ownership or operation of a product over the life of the product must be objectively measurable. The invitation to bid must set forth the evaluation criteria to be used. No criteria may be used in a bid evaluation that are not set forth in the invitation to bid or in a qualified products list maintained under ORS 279B.115. The contracting agency may not consider for award bids received after the time and date indicated for bid opening in the invitation to bid. The contracting agency may retain bids or copies of bids received after the bid time and date indicated in the invitation to bid.

(b) The contracting agency shall, for the purpose of evaluating bids, apply any applicable preference described in ORS 279A.120, 279A.125 or 282.210.

(7) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 must provide for and regulate the correction and withdrawal of bids before and after bid opening and the cancellation of awards or contracts based on bid mistakes. After bid opening, changes in bids prejudicial to the interests of the public or fair competition are not permitted. A contracting agency that permits a bidder to correct or withdraw a bid or that cancels an award or a contract based on bid mistakes, shall support the decision with a written determination that states the reasons for the action taken.

(8) The cancellation of invitations to bid and the rejection of bids must be in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(9) The contracting agency shall, in accordance with ORS 279B.135, issue to each bidder or shall post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of intent to award.

(10) If a contracting agency awards a contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract:

(a) To the lowest responsible bidder whose bid substantially complies with the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation to bid and with all prescribed public procurement procedures and requirements; or

(b) If the invitation to bid specifies or authorizes the award of multiple contracts, to the responsible bidders:

(A) Whose bids substantially comply with the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation to bid and with all prescribed public procurement procedures and requirements; and

(B) Who qualify for the award of a public contract under the terms of the invitation to bid.

(11) The successful bidder shall promptly execute a contract. The successful bidder's duty to promptly execute a contract includes the duty to take all action that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the invitation to bid, including posting performance security, submitting proof of insurance when the invitation to bid requires the submission and agreeing to perform the scope of work and meet the performance standards set forth in the invitation to bid.

(12) If a contracting agency determines that preparing a procurement description to support an award based on price is impractical, the contracting agency may issue a multistep invitation to bid that requests bidders to submit unpriced submittals, and then later issue an invitation to bid limited to the bidders that the contracting agency officer has determined are eligible to submit a priced bid under the criteria set forth in the initial solicitation of unpriced submittals.

(13) The contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in preparing an invitation to bid. [2003 c.794 §51; 2009 c.880 §5]

Port Rule B.055 Competitive Sealed Bidding

(1) Advertisement

(a) The Port of Portland shall advertise invitations to bid in a newspaper of general circulation in the Portland metropolitan area, and shall also Post all notices for invitations to bid on the Port's website using an online vendor bidding system. If the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement make a determination that limiting the posting of the notice for invitations to bid solely by electronic means is cost effective to the Port, then publishing the notice in a newspaper may be waived.

(b) The notice shall be posted at least 7 days prior to the date the invitations to bid are due, unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a shorter time period is necessary and in the Port's best interest.

(2) Distribution of Solicitation Documents

The Port may distribute solicitation documents by any commercially reasonable means, including without limitation use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, fax, or express mail, as the Port may determine in its sole discretion is appropriate under the circumstances. The Port may, but is not obligated to, deliver a solicitation document by other more costly means if a particular prospective offeror pays the additional cost.

(3) Prospective Bidders and Proposers Lists

A prospective bidder or proposer for a particular procurement is responsible for ensuring that its correct name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information have been effectively and accurately communicated to the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division for inclusion on the list of prospective bidders or proposers for that procurement. The Port's Contracts and Procurement Division endeavors to include on the list for a particular procurement each prospective bidder or proposer to which a solicitation document is issued by the Contracts and Procurement Division. Prospective bidders or proposers who obtain solicitation documents from other sources, such as plan centers, are not automatically added to the list, and must contact the Contracts and Procurement Division to be added. Listed prospective bidders and proposers are responsible for immediately notifying the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division in writing of any changes in name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information.

(4) Bidder's Responsibilities

While the Port endeavors to provide all known solicitation holders with all the available information and documentation necessary to provide a responsive bid, through notice of document availability by mail or electronic means, the Port cannot guarantee that such notice will be delivered to or read by solicitation holders in a timely manner. Bidders are therefore responsible for ensuring they have received all necessary information to provide a responsive bid, including without limitation all bid documents, addenda, plans, attachments, exhibits, etc., prior to submitting a bid.

(5) Prebid and Proposal Conferences

(a) Generally

The Port may hold a prebid or preproposal conference to allow a site inspection and to hear and respond to questions. If the time and place of a prebid or preproposal conference are not stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals, all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division shall be notified of the time and place. Notification may be by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, telephone, fax, or in writing, at the Port's option.

(b) Mandatory

The Port may require attendance at a prebid or preproposal conference as a condition precedent to the submission of a bid or proposal. The Port may refuse to open or may reject as nonresponsive a bid from a bidder who failed to attend a mandatory prebid conference, and may refuse to open or decline to evaluate a proposal from a proposer who failed to attend a mandatory preproposal conference. The Port may, but is not obligated to, arrange for a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference if requested by one or more prospective bidders or proposers who were unable to attend a scheduled, mandatory prebid or preproposal conference for a reason determined by the Port to be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. If a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference is arranged, all prospective bidders or proposers on the Contracts and Procurement Division's list shall be notified in advance and allowed to attend.

(c) Limited Effect

Statements and other information from Port employees at a prebid or preproposal conference do not effect any change in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals, or the contracts that may arise from them. Changes in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals may be effected only by a written addendum issued by the Port. Bidders and proposers may rely only upon the invitation

to bids or the request for proposals, with any changes made by addendum, to establish all of the procurement requirements and all contract provisions other than those established by the bid or proposal.

(d) Change Requests

A prospective bidder or proposer who wants to propose a change to the invitation to bid or the request for proposals should submit a written request, even if the change was requested during a prebid or preproposal conference. The request should be submitted in accordance with any instructions in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals. If the Port fails to respond to a change request made during a prebid or preproposal conference, or to a written change request, the request shall be deemed denied. If the Port responds to a change request, the response may be in the form of an addendum issued to all prospective bidders or proposers, with no specific response to the requestor.

(6) Addenda

(a) Requirement

A solicitation document may be changed only by a written addendum issued by the Port. When an addendum is required, it shall be issued to all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained for the procurement in question by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division.

(b) Acknowledgment Required

A bidder or proposer must timely acknowledge in writing receipt of all addenda issued by the Port. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may cause a bid to be rejected as nonresponsive, and may cause a proposal to be considered outside the competitive range or to be determined after evaluation to be inferior to other proposals that included acknowledgment of receipt of the addendum. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum most often will be part of the bid or proposal, but may be separate from the bid or proposal, and need not be sealed. The Port shall accept a written acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum by any commercially reasonable means, including but not limited to use of an online vendor bidding system, fax, or email. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum to an invitation to bid is timely only if it is received in a manner and at a time that would make it timely if it were a bid.

(c) Distribution and Receipt

Addenda may be distributed by an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, U.S. mail, fax, hand delivery, or other commercially reasonable means. Failure to receive an addendum to a solicitation does not excuse failure to acknowledge receipt of the addendum, even if the failure to receive was through no fault of the prospective bidder or proposer, and even if the failure to receive was the fault of the Port. The Port, in its sole discretion, may extend a bid opening to allow a bidder or proposer time to acknowledge receipt of an addendum.

(7) Method of Submitting Offers

(a) Generally

Bids must be submitted in writing on the form provided by the Port or a reasonable facsimile. Bids may not be submitted by fax or other electronic means unless expressly directed or permitted by the invitation to bid. A bid shall be considered timely submitted if it is delivered to the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or the Manager's designee by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid.

(b) Timeliness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are timely. The Port may decline to consider a late offer, even if the offer is late because of a delay in the Port's internal handling of mail or documents or because the Port's receiving equipment was unavailable.

(c) Completeness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are received by the Port in a complete, legible, ungarbled form. The Port may decline to consider an offer that is incomplete, illegible, or garbled, even if the problem is caused by the Port's hardware or software.

(d) Electronic Submission

Offers submitted electronically must bear a facsimile signature, provided that the requirement for a facsimile signature is excused when an electronic quotation is properly submitted in lieu of an oral quotation, or when the solicitation document expressly authorizes electronic data interchange, e-mail, or another electronic submission method by which facsimile signatures generally cannot be transmitted. A solicitation document expressly authorizing electronic submission of offers may specify methods for establishing the authenticity of offers.

(8) Bid Withdrawal

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may withdraw its bid without consequence. The withdrawal must be by someone with the necessary authority, and must be a signed writing.

(9) Bid Modification

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may modify its bid in writing. A bidder shall prepare and submit any modification to its bid to the Port in accordance with Port Rule B.055(7), unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document. Any modification must include the bidder's statement that the modification amends and supersedes the prior bid. The bidder shall mark the submitted modification as follows:

(a) Bid (or Proposal) Modification; and

(b) Solicitation Number (or other identification as specified in the solicitation document).

(10) Receipt and Recording of Offers; Confidentiality of Offers

The Port shall electronically or mechanically time-stamp or hand-mark each Offer and any modification upon receipt. The Port shall not open the Offer or modification upon receipt, but shall maintain it as confidential and secure until Opening. If the Port inadvertently opens an Offer or a modification prior to the Opening, the Port shall return the Offer or modification to its secure and confidential state until Opening. The Port shall document the resealing for the Procurement file (e.g. "Port inadvertently opened the Offer due to improper identification of the Offer").

(11) Bid Opening

(a) Generally

Bids shall be opened in a place designated by the Port that is open to the public at the time bids are opened. The Port may change the location of bid opening at any time. The time for opening bids may be postponed at any time for the Port's convenience or if the Port determines that postponement would be in the Port's best interest. A bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated orally or by a posted sign to anyone who appears at the previously designated time and place for the bid opening. If time permits, a bid opening postponement or relocation

shall be communicated to all prospective bidders on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division. Such communication shall be made using the Port's online vendor bidding system, other electronic means (including fax), mail, or any other commercially reasonable means. A bid opening postponement or relocation need not be communicated by addendum.

(b) Electronic Bid Opening

When the Port has specifically directed or permitted electronic bidding using an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, the Port may open bids electronically using such means. In such event, bids will be deemed to be opened publicly when bidder and bid information is made available to the public electronically using such means.

(c) Availability for inspection

Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, bids shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them for responsiveness.

(12) Bid Evaluation and Clarification

(a) Evaluation

Opened bids shall be evaluated in accordance with applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. When a bid is determined to be unresponsive to the invitation to bid, it will not be evaluated further. Bidders who submit responsive bids shall be evaluated for responsibility under applicable statutes, these Contracting Rules, and the invitation to bid.

(b) Clarification

After opening, the Port may conduct discussions with bidders for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of the bids. All bids needing clarification, in the Port's sole discretion, must be accorded such an opportunity. The Port shall document its clarification of any bid.

(13) Bid Errors

(a) Errors of Judgment

A bid may not be corrected or withdrawn for an error in judgment. If a bidder is awarded a public contract and refuses to promptly and properly execute the public contract because of an error in judgment, the bidder's bid security must be forfeited under ORS 279B.055(3)(c).

(b) Minor Informalities

The Port may waive or permit a bidder to correct a minor informality. A minor informality is either a matter of form rather than substance that is evident on the face of the bid, or an insignificant mistake that can be waived without prejudice to other bidders. For example, failure to sign the bid in the designated block on the bid form is a minor informality if a signature appears on the bid bond or somewhere else in the bid evidencing an intent to be bound by the bid.

(c) Clerical Errors

A clerical error is an error in drafting the bid, and may include without limitation typographical errors, arithmetic errors, and transposition and other errors in transferring numbers from work sheets to the bid form. If a clerical error is apparent on the face of the bid and the correction also is apparent on the face of the bid, the Port shall correct the error before evaluating bids. A discrepancy between a unit price and an extended bid item price is a clerical error and shall be corrected by giving precedence to the unit price. If an error not apparent on the face of the bid is brought to the Port's attention, the bidder may submit evidence to establish that the error is a

clerical error. If it is clear from the face of the bid or from evidence submitted by the bidder that an error is a clerical error, rather than an error in judgment, but the correction of the error is not apparent on the face of the bid, the bidder may either withdraw its bid without forfeiting its bid security under ORS 279B.055(3)(c), or agree to proceed with the public contract as bid, without correcting the error. If the bidder takes neither of those actions, the Port shall reject the bid as non-responsive. A bidder may not correct a clerical error if the correction is not apparent on the face of the bid.

(14) Irrevocability of Offers

(a) Generally

All bids received by the Port for a particular public contract become binding offers when the deadline for receipt of bids passes, and remain irrevocable for 30 calendar days after opening unless a different period is specified in the invitation to bid.

(b) Extensions and Reinstatements

An offeror may extend the period of irrevocability of its offer by giving the Port a written extension specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may reinstate an offer (unchanged) after the expiration of the period of irrevocability by giving the Port a written reinstatement specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may not "extend" or "reinstate" an offer that differs in any material respect from the original; a purported extension or reinstatement of a materially differing offer amounts to a new offer.

(15) Tied Low Bids or Quotations

(a) Generally

If (1) low bids or quotations are tied, (2) the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and (3) one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to that offeror in accordance with ORS 279A.120. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to one with principal offices or headquarters in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, and none has principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, or if two or more of them have principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots.

(b) Unequal Quality

If the fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by tied offerors are not otherwise equal, the contract shall be awarded to the offeror determined by the Port to offer the superior goods or services.

(16) Rejection of Bids for Good Cause in the Public Interest

The Port may reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279B.100 for good cause upon a finding that rejection is in the public interest. Situations where good cause is sufficient to warrant rejection of all bids include but are not limited to: (1) competition is unnecessarily restricted because of the content of or an error in the solicitation document or the solicitation process; (2) all offered prices are too high or all offered performance is insufficient to meet the Port's needs; (3) ambiguous or misleading provisions in the solicitation document, or misconduct or error, threaten the fairness and integrity of the competitive process; and (4) events other than legitimate market forces threaten the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

279B.060 Competitive sealed proposals. (1) A contracting agency may solicit and award a public contract for goods or services, or may award multiple public contracts for goods or services when specified in the request for proposals, by requesting and evaluating competitive sealed proposals.

(2) A request for proposals must:

(a) Specify a time and date by which sealed proposals must be received, and a place at which the proposals must be submitted. The contracting agency, in the contracting agency's sole discretion, may receive proposals by electronic means or may direct or permit proposers to submit proposals by electronic means.

(b) Specify the name and title of the person designated to receive proposals and the person the contracting agency designates as the contact person for the procurement, if different.

(c) Describe the procurement. In the description, the contracting agency shall identify the scope of work included within the procurement, outline the contractor's anticipated duties and set expectations for the contractor's performance. Unless the contractor is providing architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, or unless the contracting agency for good cause specifies otherwise, the scope of work shall require the contractor to meet the highest standards prevalent in the industry or business most closely involved in providing the appropriate goods or services.

(d) Specify a time, date and place for prequalification applications, if any, to be filed and the classes of work, if any, for which proposers must be prequalified in accordance with ORS 279B.120.

(e) State that the contracting agency may cancel the procurement or reject any or all proposals in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(f) State that "Contractors shall use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this document." if a state contracting agency issues the request for proposals.

(g) Require the contractor or subcontractor to possess an asbestos abatement license, if required under ORS 468A.710.

(h) Include all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. The contract terms and conditions shall specify clear consequences for a contractor's failure to perform the scope of work identified in the request for proposals or the contractor's failure to meet established performance standards. The consequences may include, but are not limited to:

(A) Reducing or withholding payment;

(B) Requiring the contractor to perform, at the contractor's expense, additional work necessary to perform the identified scope of work or meet the established performance standards; or

(C) Declaring a default, terminating the public contract and seeking damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or other applicable law.

(3) The request for proposals also may:

(a) Identify contractual terms or conditions that the contracting agency reserves, in the request for proposals, for negotiation with proposers;

(b) Request that proposers propose contractual terms and conditions that relate to subject matter reasonably identified in the request for proposals;

(c) Contain or incorporate the form and content of the contract that the contracting agency will accept, or suggest contract terms and conditions that nevertheless may be the subject of negotiations with proposers;

(d) Announce the method the contracting agency will use to select the contractor, which may include, but is not limited to, negotiating with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, a multiple-tiered competition that is designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers or a combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065; and

(e) Describe the manner in which the contracting agency will evaluate proposals, identifying the relative importance of price and other factors the contracting agency will use to evaluate and rate the proposals in the first tier of competition. If the contracting agency uses more than one tier of competitive evaluation, the request for proposals must describe the process the contracting agency will use to evaluate proposals in the subsequent tiers.

(4)(a) The contracting agency may require proposal security in any form the contracting agency deems prudent. Proposal security must serve the same function with respect to requests for proposals as bid security serves with respect to invitations to bid under ORS 279B.055.

(b) The contracting agency shall return the proposal security to all proposers upon the execution of the contract.

(c) The contracting agency shall retain the proposal security if a proposer who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract. For purposes of this paragraph, prompt and proper execution of the contract includes all action by a proposer that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the request for proposals, including posting performance security and submitting proof of insurance if the request for proposals requires the submission. If contract negotiations or competitive negotiations are conducted, the failure, prior to award, of a contracting agency and a proposer to reach agreement does not constitute grounds for retaining proposal security.

(5) A contracting agency shall give public notice of the request for proposals in the same manner as provided for public notice of invitations to bid in ORS 279B.055 (4).

(6)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, a contracting agency may open proposals in a manner that avoids disclosing contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation, but the contracting agency shall record and make available the identity of all proposers as part of the contracting agency's public records after the proposals are opened. Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, proposals are not required to be open for public inspection until after the notice of intent to award a contract is issued. The fact that proposals are opened at a meeting, as defined in ORS 192.610, does not make the contents of the proposals subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body opening the proposals fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals.

(b) Notwithstanding a requirement to make proposals open to public inspection after the contracting agency issues notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public materials included in a proposal that are exempt or conditionally exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.345 or 192.355.

(c) If a contracting agency cancels a request for proposals under ORS 279B.100 after receiving or rejecting proposals, the contracting agency may return a proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation.

(7) As provided in the request for proposals or in written addenda issued thereunder, the contracting agency, before or after opening proposals, may conduct site tours, demonstrations, individual or group discussions and other informational activities with proposers for the purpose of clarification to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements or to consider and respond to requests for modifications of the proposal requirements. The

contracting agency shall use procedures designed to accord proposers fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals.

(8) For purposes of evaluation, when provided for in the request for proposals, the contracting agency may employ methods of contractor selection that include, but are not limited to:

(a) An award or awards based solely on the ranking of proposals;

(b) Discussions leading to best and final offers, in which the contracting agency may not disclose private discussions leading to best and final offers;

(c) Discussions leading to best and final offers, in which the contracting agency may not disclose information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers;

(d) Serial negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked proposer;

(e) Competitive simultaneous negotiations;

(f) Multiple-tiered competition designed to identify, at each level, a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers;

(g) A multistep request for proposals requesting the submission of unpriced technical submittals, and then later issuing a request for proposals limited to the proposers whose technical submittals the contracting agency had determined to be qualified under the criteria set forth in the initial request for proposals; or

(h) A combination of methods described in this subsection, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(9) Revisions of proposals may be permitted after the submission of proposals and before award for the purpose of obtaining best offers or best and final offers.

(10) After opening proposals, a contracting agency may issue or electronically post an addendum to the request for proposals that modifies the criteria, rating process and procedure for any tier of competition before the start of the tier to which the addendum applies. The contracting agency shall send an addendum that is issued by a method other than electronic posting to all proposers who are eligible to compete under the addendum. The contracting agency shall issue or post the addendum at least five days before the start of the subject tier of competition or as the contracting agency otherwise determines is adequate to allow eligible proposers to prepare for the competition in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(11) The cancellation of requests for proposals and the rejection of proposals must be in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(12) In a request for proposals, a contracting agency shall describe the methods by which the contracting agency will make the results of each tier of competitive evaluation available to the proposers who competed in the tier. The contracting agency shall include a description of the manner in which the proposers who are eliminated from further competition may protest or otherwise object to the contracting agency's decision.

(13) A contracting agency shall issue or electronically post the notice of intent to award described in ORS 279B.135 to each proposer who was evaluated in the final competitive tier.

(14) If a contracting agency awards a contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal the contracting agency determines in writing is the most advantageous to the contracting agency based on the evaluation process and evaluation factors described in this section and in the request for proposals, applicable preferences described in ORS 279A.120 and 279A.125 and, when applicable, the outcome of any negotiations authorized by the request for proposals. Other factors may not be used in the evaluation. If the request for proposals specifies or authorizes awarding multiple public contracts, the contracting agency shall award public contracts to the responsible proposers who qualify for the award of a contract under the terms of the request for proposals.

(15) A contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest, a request for qualifications or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in preparing a request for proposals.

(16) Before executing a contract solicited under this section, a contracting agency shall obtain the proposer's agreement to perform the scope of work and meet the performance standards set forth in the final negotiated scope of work. [2003 c.794 §52; 2009 c.880 §6; 2011 c.458 §12; 2018 c.85 §§3,4]

Port Rule B.060 Competitive Sealed Proposals

(1) Applicability of Port Rule B.055 to Competitive Proposals

The Port of Portland's Contracting Rule B.055 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term "proposal" may be substituted for the word "bid" when a rule from Section B.055 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.11, Bid Opening, the following rule applies:

Proposal Opening

The Port may open proposals at any time. There is no requirement for proposals to be opened in public. Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, proposals shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.12, Bid Evaluation, the following rule applies:

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals shall be evaluated based upon the evaluation criteria established by the request for proposals. Changes in evaluation criteria shall be communicated to all proposers or prospective proposers by addendum. If evaluation criteria are changed after proposals have been submitted, all proposers shall have an opportunity to supplement their proposals or submit best and final offers after receipt of the addendum changing the evaluation criteria.

(c) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.13, Bid Errors, the following rule applies:

Proposal Errors

Unless there is limiting language in the request for proposals, errors in proposals may be corrected at any time prior to the deadline for the Port's receipt of best and final offers, or, if best and final offers are not invited or allowed, then at any time prior to the beginning of the Port's final evaluation of proposals.

(d) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.14, Irrevocability of Offers, the following rule applies:

Proposal Modification

The proposer may not modify its proposal without the prior written consent of the Port.

(2) Competitive Range

The Port shall have discretion in the manner in which a competitive range is defined for a specific procurement. Generally, the competitive range will be defined as a natural "break" in evaluation scores between a higher scoring group of proposers and a lower scoring group of proposers. The number of proposers within a competitive range may not be defined prior to evaluation of proposals.

(3) Selection Method

(a) The Port shall have discretion in the method used to select the most advantageous contractor, including but not necessarily limited to negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive, simultaneous negotiations with one or more proposers, multi-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower-ranked proposers, or any combination of methods.

(b) The request for proposals may, but is not required to, define the selection method to be used for the specific procurement or class of procurements.

(4) Addenda Issued after Proposal Opening

(a) If the Port issues an addendum after proposals are opened, the Port shall provide sufficient time for proposers to supplement their proposals, if necessary, based on the changes provided in the addendum. Less than five days may be allowed for proposal supplementation if the changes made by the addendum do not require extensive analysis or action on the part of the affected proposers.

279B.065 Small procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a procurement of public contract for goods or services that does not exceed \$10a contract price of \$25,000 in any manner the contracting agency deems practical or convenient, including by direct selection or award. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$1025,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A state contracting agency that awards a public contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more using a method permitted under this section shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:

(a) Comply with ORS 200.035; and

(b) Consider for the procurement businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.

(3) A contracting agency may not artificially divide or fragment a procurement so as to constitute a small procurement under this section. [2003 c.794 §53; 2005 c.64 §1; 2005 c.103 §8b; 2013 c.66 §1; 2023 c.127 §1]

Port Rule B.065 Small Procurements

The Port of Portland shall follow procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement when procuring goods or services not exceeding the dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.065. Contracts awarded under this section may be amended in accordance with the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

279B.070 Intermediate procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a procurement of public contract for goods or services that exceeds \$10a contract price of \$25,000, but does not exceed \$150a contract price of \$250,000, as provided in accordance with intermediate procurement procedures subsection (4) of this section. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$150250,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A state contracting agency that awards a public contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more using a method permitted under this section shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:

(a) Comply with ORS 200.035; and

(b) Invite to participate in the procurement qualified businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.

(3) A contracting agency may not artificially divide or fragment a procurement so as to constitute an intermediate procurement under this section.

~~☞~~ (4) When conducting an intermediate procurement, a contracting agency shall seek at least three informally solicited competitive price quotes or competitive proposals from prospective contractors. The contracting agency shall keep a written record of the sources of the quotes or proposals received. If three quotes or proposals are not reasonably available, fewer will suffice, but the contracting agency shall make a written record of the effort the contracting agency makes to obtain the quotes or proposals.

~~☞~~ (5) If a contracting agency awards a public contract, the contracting agency shall award the public contract to the offeror whose quote or proposal will best serve the interests of the contracting agency, taking into account price as well as considerations including, but not limited to, experience, expertise, product functionality, suitability for a particular purpose and contractor responsibility under ORS 279B.110. [2003 c.794 §54; 2013 c.66 §2; 2023 c.127 §2]

Port Rule B.070 Intermediate Procurements

The Port of Portland shall follow the requirements of ORS 279B.070, and the procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, for the award of contracts exceeding the dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.065 but not exceeding the higher dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.070. The Port may negotiate with an offeror to clarify its quote or proposal, or to effect modifications that will make the quote or proposal more advantageous to the Port. Contracts awarded under this section may be amended in accordance with the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

279B.075 Sole-source procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a contract for goods or services without competition if the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board, a state contracting agency, if the state contracting agency has procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, the State Chief Information Officer, with respect to goods or services described in subsection (2)(b) of this section and if the director has delegated the necessary authority to the State Chief Information Officer, or a person designated in writing by the director, board or state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, determines in writing, in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, that the goods or services, or class of goods or services, are available from only one source.

(2) The determination of a sole source must be based on written findings that may include:

(a) That the efficient utilization of existing goods requires acquiring compatible goods or services;

(b) That the goods or services required to exchange software or data with other public or private agencies are available from only one source;

(c) That the goods or services are for use in a pilot or an experimental project; or

(d) Other findings that support the conclusion that the goods or services are available from only one source.

(3) To the extent reasonably practical, the contracting agency shall negotiate with the sole source to obtain contract terms that are advantageous to the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §55; 2005 c.103 §8c; 2015 c.807 §24]

Port Rule B.075 Sole-Source Procurements

Determination of sole source procurement applicability shall be made in writing by the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement's designee, as applicable in accordance with the Port of Portland's Contract Review

279B.080 Emergency procurements. (1) The head of a contracting agency, or a person designated under ORS 279A.075, may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements of goods or services in an emergency. The contracting agency shall document the nature of the emergency and describe the method used for the selection of the particular contractor.

(2) For an emergency procurement of construction services that are not public improvements, the contracting agency shall ensure competition for a contract for the emergency work that is reasonable and appropriate under the emergency circumstances. In conducting the procurement, the contracting agency shall set a solicitation time period that the contracting agency determines to be reasonable under the emergency circumstances and may issue written or oral requests for offers or make direct appointments without competition in cases of extreme necessity. [2003 c.794 §56; 2007 c.764 §6a]

Port Rule B.080 Emergency Procurements

(a) Award of a public contract under emergency procurement conditions as described in ORS 279A.010 shall be authorized in writing by Executive Director, except that the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may authorize in writing an emergency procurement up to the Manager's level of delegated contracting authority.

(b) Award of a public contract under conditions of a disaster as described in Port Rule A.010 may be made by any Port of Portland personnel designated by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or by the Emergency Operations Center Chief, if active.

(c) The Port may award a public contract exempt from competitive bidding because of an emergency or disaster by any commercially reasonable means under the circumstances.

279B.085 Special procurements. (1) As used in this section and ORS 279B.400:

(a) "Class special procurement" means a contracting procedure that differs from the procedures described in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 and 279B.070 and is for the purpose of entering into a series of contracts over time or for multiple projects.

(b) "Contract-specific special procurement" means a contracting procedure that differs from the procedures described in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 and 279B.070 and is for the purpose of entering into a single contract or a number of related contracts on a one-time basis or for a single project.

(c) "Special procurement" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a class special procurement, a contract-specific special procurement or both.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to seek approval of a special procurement, a contracting agency shall submit a written request to the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board, as applicable, that describes the contracting procedure, the goods or services or the class of goods or services that are the subject of the special procurement and the circumstances that justify the use of a special procurement under the standards set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) When the contracting agency is the office of the Secretary of State or the office of the State Treasurer, to seek approval of a special procurement, the contracting agency shall submit a written request to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer, as applicable, that describes the contracting procedure, the goods or services or the class of goods or services that are the subject of the special procurement and the circumstances that justify the use of a special procurement under the standards

set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) The director, a local contract review board, the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer may approve a special procurement if the director, board, Secretary of State or State Treasurer finds that a written request submitted under subsection (2) or (3) of this section demonstrates that the use of a special procurement as described in the request, or an alternative procedure prescribed by the director, board, Secretary of State or State Treasurer:

(a) Is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and

(b)(A) Is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or to the public; or

(B) Otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not practicably be realized by complying with requirements that are applicable under ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 or 279B.070 or under any rules adopted thereunder.

(5) Public notice of the approval of a special procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4).

(6) If a contracting agency intends to award a contract through a special procurement that calls for competition among prospective contractors, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the offeror the contracting agency determines to be the most advantageous to the contracting agency.

(7) When the director, a local contract review board, the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer approves a class special procurement under this section, the contracting agency may award contracts to acquire goods or services within the class of goods or services in accordance with the terms of the approval without making a subsequent request for a special procurement. [2003 c.794 §57; 2005 c.103 §8d; 2007 c.764 §7]

Port Rule B.085 Special Procurements

When the Port of Portland determines that there is a need to award a contract or class of contracts by means other than the rules provided for competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, small procurements, or intermediate procurements, and when the rules for sole source, emergency, or cooperative procurements do not apply, approval must first be sought from the Port's Contract Review Board following the procedures set forth in ORS 279B.085. Class special procurements that are approved by the Port's Contract Review Board shall be incorporated into the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

Cancellation, Rejection and Delay of Invitations for Bids or Requests for Proposals

279B.100 Cancellation, rejection, delay of invitations for bids or requests for proposals.

(1) Any solicitation or procurement described in a solicitation may be canceled, or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when the cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the contracting agency as determined by the contracting agency. The reasons for the cancellation or rejection must be made part of the solicitation file. A contracting agency is not liable to any bidder or proposer for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the cancellation or rejection of a solicitation, bid, proposal or award.

(2) Any solicitation or procurement described in a solicitation may be delayed or suspended when the delay or suspension is in the best interest of the contracting agency as determined by the contracting agency. The contracting agency shall make the reasons for the delay or suspension part of the solicitation file. A contracting agency is not liable to any bidder or proposer for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the delay or suspension of a solicitation, bid, proposal or award. [2003 c.794 §58]

[no Port rule]

Qualifications

279B.110 Responsibility of bidders and proposers. (1) As part of a contracting agency's evaluation of a bid or proposal, the contracting agency shall determine whether the bidder or proposer is responsible in accordance with the standards of responsibility set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If the contracting agency determines that a bidder or proposer is not responsible, the contracting agency shall provide the bidder or proposer with written notice of the contracting agency's determination.

(2) In order for a contracting agency to determine that a bidder or proposer is responsible, the bidder or proposer must demonstrate to the contracting agency that the bidder or proposer:

(a) Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or has the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.

(b) Completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance. For purposes of this paragraph, a satisfactory record of performance means that to the extent that the costs associated with and time available to perform a previous contract remained within the bidder's or proposer's control, the bidder or proposer stayed within the time and budget allotted for the procurement and otherwise performed the contract in a satisfactory manner. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of performance if the contracting agency finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(c) Has a satisfactory record of integrity. The contracting agency in evaluating the bidder's or proposer's record of integrity may consider, among other things, whether the bidder or proposer has previous criminal convictions for offenses related to obtaining or attempting to obtain a contract or subcontract or in connection with the bidder's or proposer's performance of a contract or subcontract. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of integrity if the contracting agency finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(d) Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.

(e) Complied with the tax laws of the state or a political subdivision of the state, including ORS 305.620 and ORS chapters 316, 317 and 318. The bidder or proposer shall demonstrate compliance by attesting to the bidder's or proposer's compliance in any way the contracting agency deems credible and convenient.

(f) Possesses an unexpired certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167 if the bidder or proposer employs 50 or more full-time workers and submitted a bid or proposal for a procurement with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$500,000 in response to an advertisement or solicitation from a state contracting agency.

(g) Supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility. If a bidder or proposer fails to promptly supply information concerning responsibility that the contracting agency requests, the contracting agency shall determine the bidder's or proposer's responsibility based on available information or may find that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(h) Was not debarred by the contracting agency under ORS 279B.130.

(3) A contracting agency may refuse to disclose outside of the contracting agency confidential information furnished by a bidder or proposer under this section when the bidder or proposer has clearly identified in writing the information the bidder or proposer seeks to have treated as confidential and the contracting agency has authority under ORS 192.~~410~~311 to 192.~~505~~478 to

withhold the identified information from disclosure. [2003 c.794 §59; 2009 c.880 §7; 2014 c.77 §3; 2015 c.539 §§1,5a]

[no Port rule]

279B.112 Personnel deployment disclosure; contents; preference for bidder or proposer that will employ more workers in state; rules; exception. (1) A bidder or proposer that submits a bid or proposal for a public contract may submit with the bid or proposal a personnel deployment disclosure. A personnel deployment disclosure that a bidder or proposer submits under this section must state:

(a) The number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder or proposer's subcontractors plan to deploy to perform the work described in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals;

(b) The number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder's or proposer's first-tier subcontractors will employ within this state; and

(c) The number of jobs in each of the categories described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection that would be a newly created job.

(2) A state contracting agency that receives a personnel deployment disclosure from a bidder or proposer under subsection (1) of this section may consider the personnel deployment disclosure in evaluating a bid or proposal if the contracting agency states in the solicitation documents for a procurement that the state contracting agency will consider a personnel deployment disclosure. The state contracting agency may give a preference to a bid or proposal that states that the bidder or proposer will employ more workers within this state than a competing bid or proposal if the bids or proposals otherwise suit the state contracting agency's specifications for the procurement equally well.

(3) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Attorney General and a state contracting agency that adopts rules under ORS 279A.065 may adopt rules to prescribe the form and contents of a personnel deployment disclosure and otherwise to implement the provisions of this section.

(4) This section does not apply to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer. [2012 c.53 §6]

[no Port rule]

279B.115 Qualified products lists. (1) A contracting agency may develop and maintain a qualified products list in instances in which the testing or examination of goods before initiating a procurement is necessary or desirable in order to best satisfy the requirements of the contracting agency. For purposes of this section, "goods" includes products that have associated or incidental service components, such as supplier warranty obligations or maintenance service programs.

(2) In the initial development of any qualified products list, a contracting agency shall give public notice, in accordance with ORS 279B.055 (4), of the opportunity for potential contractors, sellers or suppliers to submit goods for testing and examination to determine their acceptability for inclusion on the list and may solicit in writing representative groups of potential contractors, sellers or suppliers to submit goods for the testing and examination. Any potential contractor, seller or supplier, even though not solicited, may offer its goods for consideration.

(3) A contracting agency's inclusion of goods on a qualified products list shall be based on the results of tests or examinations. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 192.410~~311~~ to 192.505~~478~~, a contracting agency may make the test or examination results public in a manner that protects the identity of the potential contractor, seller or supplier that offered the goods for testing or examination, including by using only numerical designations. Notwithstanding any

provision of ORS 192.~~410311~~ to 192.~~505478~~, a contracting agency may keep confidential trade secrets, test data and similar information provided by a potential contractor, seller or supplier if so requested in writing by the potential contractor, seller or supplier.

(4) The inclusion of goods on a qualified products list does not constitute and may not be construed as a prequalification under ORS 279B.120 and 279B.125 of any prospective contractor, seller or supplier of goods on the qualified products list. [2003 c.794 §60]

[no Port rule]

279B.120 Prequalification of prospective bidders and proposers. (1) A contracting agency may prequalify prospective bidders or proposers to submit bids or proposals for public contracts to provide particular types of goods or services. The method of submitting prequalification applications, the information required in order to be prequalified and the forms to be used for submitting prequalification information shall be determined by the contracting agency unless otherwise prescribed by rule adopted by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board.

(2) The contracting agency shall, in response to the receipt of a prequalification application submitted under subsection (1) of this section, notify the prospective bidder or proposer whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified based on the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2), the type and nature of contracts that the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified to compete for and the time period for which the prequalification is valid. If the contracting agency does not prequalify a prospective bidder or proposer as to any contracts covered by the prequalification process, the notice must specify which of the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2) the prospective bidder or proposer failed to meet. Unless the reasons are specified, the prospective bidder or proposer shall be deemed to have been prequalified in accordance with the application.

(3) If a contracting agency subsequently discovers that a prospective bidder or proposer that prequalified under subsections (1) and (2) of this section is no longer qualified, the agency may revoke the prequalification upon reasonable notice to the prospective bidder or proposer, except that a revocation is invalid as to any contract for which an advertisement for bids or proposals has already been issued. [2003 c.794 §61]

Port Rule B.120 Prequalification

(a) Generally

The Port of Portland, in its sole discretion, may require bidders or proposers to prequalify before being eligible to submit bids or proposals for a class of public contracts or for a particular public contract. If prequalification is required, the opportunity to prequalify shall be advertised in the same manner as a solicitation document for the class of public contracts or the particular public contract would be advertised under applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. The method of submitting prequalification applications, the information required in order to be prequalified and the forms to be used for submitting prequalification information shall be provided either in the advertisement or in the solicitation document.

(b) Disqualification

Disqualification of a previously prequalified bidder or proposer shall be in accordance with these Contracting Rules and the provisions of the Public Contracting Code regarding prequalification and disqualification.

(c) Additional Advertising Not Required

Bids or proposals may be solicited for a particular contract from bidders or proposers prequalified for that particular contract, or for a class of contracts including that particular contract, without additional advertising.

279B.125 Application for prequalification. (1) When a contracting agency permits or requires prequalification of bidders or proposers, a prospective bidder or proposer who wishes to prequalify shall submit a prequalification application to the contracting agency on a form prescribed under ORS 279B.120 (1). Upon receipt of a prequalification application, the contracting agency shall investigate the prospective bidder or proposer as necessary to determine whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified. The determination shall be made in less than 30 days, if practicable, if the prospective bidder or proposer requests an early decision to allow the prospective bidder or proposer as much time as possible to prepare a bid or proposal for a contract that has been advertised. In making its determination, the contracting agency shall consider only the applicable standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2). The contracting agency shall promptly notify the prospective bidder or proposer whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified.

(2) If the contracting agency finds that a prospective bidder or proposer is qualified, the notice must state the type and nature of contracts that the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified to compete for and the period of time for which the prequalification is valid. If the agency finds that the prospective bidder or proposer is not qualified as to any contracts covered by the rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation, the notice must specify the reasons given under ORS 279B.120 for not prequalifying the prospective bidder or proposer and inform the prospective bidder or proposer of the right to a hearing under ORS 279B.425. To be entitled to a hearing under ORS 279B.425, a prospective bidder or proposer shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer demands a hearing under ORS 279B.425.

(3) If a contracting agency has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a substantial change in the conditions of a prequalified prospective bidder or proposer and that the prospective bidder or proposer is no longer qualified or is less qualified, the contracting agency may revoke or may revise and reissue the prequalification after reasonable notice to the prequalified prospective bidder or proposer. The notice must specify the reasons given under ORS 279B.120 for revocation or revision of the prequalification of the prospective bidder or proposer and inform the prospective bidder or proposer of the right to a hearing under ORS 279B.425. To be entitled to a hearing under ORS 279B.425, a prospective bidder or proposer shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer demands a hearing under ORS 279B.425. A revocation or revision does not apply to any contract for which an advertisement for bids or proposals was issued before the date the notice of revocation or revision was received by the prequalified prospective bidder or proposer. [2003 c.794 §62]

[no Port rule]

279B.130 Debarment of prospective bidders and proposers. (1)(a) A contracting agency may debar a prospective bidder or proposer from consideration for award of the contracting agency's contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section after providing the prospective bidder or proposer with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(b) A contracting agency may not debar a prospective bidder or proposer under this section for more than three years.

(2) A prospective bidder or proposer may be debarred from consideration for award of a contracting agency's contracts if:

(a) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted of a criminal offense as an incident in obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract or in the performance of a public or private contract or subcontract.

(b) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently, seriously and directly affects the prospective bidder's or proposer's responsibility as a contractor.

(c) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted under state or federal antitrust statutes.

(d) The prospective bidder or proposer has committed a violation of a contract provision that is regarded by the contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board to be so serious as to justify disqualification. A violation may include but is not limited to a failure to perform the terms of a contract or an unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of the contract. However, a failure to perform or an unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor may not be considered to be a basis for debarment.

(e) The prospective bidder or proposer does not carry workers' compensation or unemployment insurance as required by statute.

(3) A contracting agency shall issue a written decision to debar a prospective bidder or proposer under this section. The decision must:

(a) State the reasons for the action taken; and

(b) Inform the debarred prospective bidder or proposer of the appeal rights of the prospective bidder or proposer under ORS 279B.425.

(4) A copy of the decision issued under subsection (3) of this section must be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the debarred prospective bidder or proposer.

(5) A prospective bidder or proposer that wishes to appeal debarment shall, within three business days after receipt of notice of debarment, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer appeals the debarment as provided in ORS 279B.425. [2003 c.794 §63; 2007 c.764 §8]

[no Port rule]

Notice of Intent to Award

279B.135 Notice of intent to award. At least seven days before the award of a public contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall post or provide to each bidder or proposer notice of the contracting agency's intent to award a contract. This section does not apply to a contract awarded as a small procurement under ORS 279B.065, an intermediate procurement under ORS 279B.070, a sole-source procurement under ORS 279B.075, an emergency procurement under ORS 279B.080 or a special procurement under ORS 279B.085. The notice and its manner of posting or issuance must conform to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. [2003 c.794 §64]

Port Rule B.135 Notice of Intent to Award

(a) The Port of Portland shall post any notice of intent to award pursuant to ORS 279B.135 on its public website using an online vendor bidding system, or alternatively, send the notice of award via mail, fax, or other electronic means to all solicitation holders of record.

(b) Until the notice of intent to award has been posted, bidders or proposers shall not have the opportunity to protest the award in accordance with ORS 279B.410 and Port Rule B.400.

(c) The Port may proceed with the contract execution process during the seven-day intent to award period if it is determined that failure to do so may result in a substantial risk of loss, damage or interruption of services or a substantial threat to property, public health, welfare or safety.

Price Agreements

279B.140 Price agreements. (1) A price agreement constitutes a firm offer by the contractor regardless of whether any order or purchase has been made or any performance has been tendered under the price agreement. Unless the price agreement otherwise provides, a price agreement is enforceable for the period stated in the price agreement and, notwithstanding ORS 72.2050, obligations thereunder are not revocable by the contractor.

(2) Under a price agreement, no quantity unreasonably disproportionate to any stated estimate or, in the absence of a stated estimate, to any normal or otherwise comparable prior requirements may be demanded unless otherwise expressly provided in the price agreement. However, a contracting agency may amend or terminate a price agreement or an order under a price agreement under any of the following circumstances:

(a) Any failure of the contracting agency to receive funding, appropriations, limitations, allotments or other expenditure authority, including the continuation of program operating authority sufficient, as determined in the discretion of the contracting agency, to sustain purchases at the levels contemplated at the time of contracting; or

(b) Any change in law or program termination that makes purchases under the price agreement no longer authorized or appropriate for the contracting agency's use.

(3) A price agreement does not constitute an exclusive dealing commitment on the part of the contracting agency or the contractor unless the price agreement expressly so provides. [2003 c.794 §68]

[no Port rule]

Determinations

279B.145 Finality of determinations. A determination under ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.055 (3) and (7), 279B.060 (4) and (14), 279B.075, 279B.080, 279B.085 and 279B.110 is final and conclusive unless the determination is clearly erroneous, arbitrary, capricious or contrary to law. [2003 c.794 §71; 2009 c.880 §8; 2018 c.85 §§5,6]

[no Port rule]

Specifications

General Provisions

279B.200 Definitions for ORS 279B.200 to 279B.240. As used in ORS 279B.200 to 279B.240:

(1) “Brand name or equal specification” means a specification that uses one or more manufacturers’ names, makes, catalog numbers or similar identifying characteristics to describe the standard of quality, performance, functionality or other characteristics needed to meet the contracting agency’s requirements and that authorizes bidders or proposers to offer goods or services that are equivalent or superior to those named or described in the specification.

(2) “Brand name specification” means a specification limited to one or more products, brand names, makes, manufacturer’s names, catalog numbers or similar identifying characteristics.

(3) “Specification” means any description of the physical or functional characteristics of, or of the nature of, goods or services to be procured by a contracting agency. “Specification” may include a description of any requirement for inspecting, testing or preparing goods or services for delivery. When a solicitation required or authorized by ORS 279B.050 (4) or (5) to be conducted under ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060 calls in whole or in part for the performance of personal services as designated under ORS 279A.055, “specification” also includes any description of the characteristics or nature of the personal services. [2003 c.794 §72; 2007 c.764 §9]

[no Port rule]

279B.205 Specifications to encourage reasonable competition. Consistent with ORS 279A.015, specifications must seek to promote optimal value and suitability for the purposes intended and to reasonably encourage competition in satisfying a contracting agency’s needs. Subject to ORS 279B.405, the specification content must be determined in the sole discretion of the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §74]

[no Port rule]

279B.210 Policy; development of specifications. It is the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage the development of clear, precise and accurate specifications in solicitations for public contracts. To that end, in developing specifications, contracting agencies may consult, under contract or otherwise, with technical experts, suppliers, prospective contractors and representatives of the industries with which the contracting agencies contract. However, a contracting agency shall take reasonable measures to ensure that no person who prepares or assists in the preparation of solicitation documents, specifications, plans or scopes of work, and no business with which the person is associated, realizes a material competitive advantage in a procurement that arises from the agency’s use of the solicitation documents, specifications, plans or scopes of work. The policy against the realization of a material competitive advantage from the character of the specifications developed in conjunction with persons outside the contracting agency does not proscribe advantages that result incidentally from a contracting agency’s specification of the characteristics of a product or work to meet the contracting agency’s needs. [2003 c.794 §75]

Port Rule B.210 Bids or Proposals from Bidders or Proposers that Advised or Assisted in Developing Specifications or Other Solicitation Documents

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) below, the Port shall not accept a bid or proposal to provide goods or services in a given procurement from a bidder or proposer that has provided meaningful advice or assistance to the Port in developing specifications, a scope or statement of work, an invitation to bid, a request for proposals, or other solicitation documents for that procurement, whether through contract or as an unpaid service.

(b) The Port's Manager of Contracts & Procurement may grant an exception to the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) above if such Manager determines, based upon a written application from the Port representative promoting the procurement, that accepting the bid or proposal:

(i) is the only practicable way to procure the goods or services;

(ii) is: (1) unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding the contract or to substantially diminish competition in awarding the contract; and (2) reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the Port or the public; or

(iii) otherwise substantially promotes the Port's interests in a manner that could not be practicably realized by complying with the prohibition described in subsection (a) above.

(c) Any application for an exception under subsection (b) above must include detailed written findings supporting the request.

(d) For purposes of this rule, "meaningful advice or assistance" means advice or assistance that could give the bidder or proposer that advised or assisted in development of the procurement's solicitation documents either a genuine or perceived competitive advantage over other potential bidders or proposers.

279B.215 Brand name or equal specification; brand name specification. (1)(a) A brand name or equal specification may be used when the use of a brand name or equal specification is advantageous to the contracting agency, because the brand name describes the standard of quality, performance, functionality and other characteristics of the product needed by the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency is entitled to determine what constitutes a product that is equal or superior to the product specified, and any such determination is final.

(c) Nothing in this subsection may be construed as prohibiting a contracting agency from specifying one or more comparable products as examples of the quality, performance, functionality or other characteristics of the product needed by the contracting agency.

(2) A brand name specification may be prepared and used only if the contracting agency determines for a solicitation or a class of solicitations that only the identified brand name specification will meet the needs of the contracting agency based on one or more of the following written determinations:

(a) That use of a brand name specification is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts;

(b) That use of a brand name specification would result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency;

(c) That there is only one manufacturer or seller of the product of the quality, performance or functionality required; or

(d) That efficient utilization of existing goods requires the acquisition of compatible goods or services.

(3) A contracting agency's use of a brand name specification may be subject to review only as provided in ORS 279B.405. [2003 c.794 §76; 2005 c.103 §8e]

Port Rule B.215 Specification of Particular Products

(a) Brand Name or Equal Specifications

The Port of Portland may expressly or implicitly use a brand name or equal specification, as defined in ORS 279B.200(1), as an abbreviated means of specifying the Port's needs. In such case offerors may substitute equivalent or superior products. The invitation to bid or request for proposals may require that the Port approve substitutions prior to the submission of offers; otherwise substitutions are allowed after contract award, if they are approved by the Port. The Port will make the determination provided for under ORS 279B.215(1)(b) in the Port's sole discretion. This provision does not apply to brand name specifications under ORS 279B.215(2).

(b) Brand Name Specifications

The Port may expressly or implicitly use a brand name specification, as defined in ORS 279B.200(2), when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or their designee determines in writing that doing so meets the requirements of ORS 279B.215(2). Such a determination shall be effective only for the period of time designated in the determination, whereupon a new determination of the applicability of this rule must be made. Determinations under ORS 279B.215(2) shall be available for public inspection upon request.

279B.220 Conditions concerning payment, contributions, liens, withholding. Every public contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall:

(1) Make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying to the contractor labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

(2) Pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from the contractor or subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract.

(3) Not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof, on account of any labor or material furnished.

(4) Pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167. [2003 c.794 §76a]

[no Port rule]

279B.225 Condition concerning salvaging, recycling, composting or mulching yard waste material. Every public contract for lawn and landscape maintenance shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to salvage, recycle, compost or mulch yard waste material at an approved site, if feasible and cost-effective. [2003 c.794 §76b]

[no Port rule]

279B.230 Condition concerning payment for medical care and providing workers' compensation. (1) Every public contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, copartnership, association or corporation furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of the contractor, of all sums that the contractor agrees to pay for the services and all moneys and sums that the contractor collected or deducted from the

wages of employees under any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for the services.

(2) Every public contract shall contain a clause or condition that all subject employers working under the contract are either employers that will comply with ORS 656.017 or employers that are exempt under ORS 656.126. [2003 c.794 §76c]

[no Port rule]

279B.235 Condition concerning hours of labor; compliance with pay equity provisions; employee discussions of rate of pay or benefits. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) to (6) of this section, every public contract subject to this chapter must provide that:

(a) A contractor may not employ an employee for more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity, emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires otherwise, and in such cases, except in cases of contracts for personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, the contractor shall pay the employee at least time and a half pay for:

(A)(i) All overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(ii) All overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(B) All work the employee performs on Saturday and on any legal holiday specified in ORS 279B.020.

(b) The contractor shall comply with the prohibition set forth in ORS 652.220, that compliance is a material element of the contract and that a failure to comply is a breach that entitles the contracting agency to terminate the contract for cause.

(c) The contractor may not prohibit any of the contractor's employees from discussing the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person and may not retaliate against an employee who discusses the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person.

(2) A contractor shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(3) A public contract for personal services, as described in ORS 279A.055, must provide that the contractor shall pay the contractor's employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for all overtime the employees work in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for employees under a personal services public contract who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(4) A public contract for services at a county fair, or for another event that a county fair board authorizes, must provide that the contractor shall pay employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week. A contractor shall notify employees who work under the public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(5)(a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a public contract for services must provide that the contractor shall pay employees at least time and a half pay for work the employees perform under the public contract on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining

agreement or in ORS 279B.020 (1)(b)(B) to (G) and for all time the employee works in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) A contractor shall notify in writing employees who work on a public contract for services, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(6) This section does not apply to public contracts:

(a) With financial institutions as defined in ORS 706.008.

(b) Made pursuant to the authority of the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry under ORS 477.406 for labor performed in the prevention or suppression of fire.

(c) For goods or personal property. [2003 c.794 §77; 2005 c.103 §8f; 2015 c.454 §4]

[no Port rule]

279B.240 Exclusion of recycled oils prohibited. Every contracting agency shall revise its procedures and specifications for the procurement of lubricating oil and industrial oil to eliminate any exclusion of recycled oils and any requirement that oils be manufactured from virgin materials. [2003 c.794 §78]

[no Port rule]

Specifications in State Contracts

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Legal Remedies

279B.400 Protests and judicial review of approvals of special procurements. (1) Before seeking judicial review of the approval of a special procurement, a person must file a protest, in accordance with the rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contracting agency, as applicable, and exhaust all available nonjudicial remedies. The rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 shall provide a reasonable time and manner for affected persons to protest ~~a contracting agency's request for~~ the approval of a special procurement under ORS 279B.085.

(2) The approval of a class special procurement by the director under ORS 279B.085 constitutes rulemaking and not a contested case under ORS chapter 183. Any affected person, except the state contracting agency that requested the approval or anyone representing the state contracting agency, may petition the Court of Appeals in the manner provided in ORS 183.400 to test the validity of a class special procurement approved by the director. A proceeding under ORS 183.400 does not affect the validity of a contract executed pursuant to a class special procurement before the petition is filed. Notwithstanding ORS 183.400 (1), before seeking judicial review under this subsection, a person must file a protest with the director as described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3)(a) The approval of a contract-specific special procurement by the director is reviewable under ORS 183.484, but only if judicial review is sought before the contract is awarded. Otherwise, a contract awarded pursuant to the contract-specific special procurement is conclusively presumed valid and may not, in any future judicial or administrative proceeding, be challenged on the ground that the contract was awarded under an invalid special procurement.

(b) Judicial review may be sought from the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency that requested the approval are located. The circuit court shall give priority on its docket and expedited review to proceedings under this subsection.

(4)(a) The approval of a special procurement by a local contract review board may be challenged by filing a writ of review under ORS chapter 34, provided that all available nonjudicial remedies first have been exhausted, including protests as described in subsection (1) of this section. Notwithstanding the 60-day filing period prescribed by ORS 34.030, the approval of a special procurement is not subject to a writ of review proceeding more than 10 days after the board approves the use of the special procurement.

(b) The writ of review may be filed with and is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency that requested the approval are located. The circuit court shall give priority on its docket and expedited review to proceedings under this subsection.

(5) If timely judicial review is sought regarding the approval of a special procurement under ORS 279B.085, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods or services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the person who filed the challenge. Thereafter, after joining the prospective contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion by the person filing the challenge, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(6) In its review, the circuit court shall give due deference to any factual contracting decision made by the contracting agency and may not substitute its judgment for that of the contracting agency, but shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, and if the violation could have affected the award of the contract, the court shall remand the procurement to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §83; 2005 c.103 §8g]

Port Rule B.400 Protests

(a) Applicability

This rule applies only to protests of the Port of Portland's: (i) special procurements under ORS 279B.400; (ii) solicitations under ORS 279B.405; (iii) contract awards under ORS 279B.410; and (iv) personal services contract solicitations and awards under Port Rule B.500 or ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125, unless another protest procedure is set forth in the procurement document for any such procurement. Port Contracting Rule C.460 applies to protests of the Port's solicitation or award of public improvement contracts under ORS Chapter 279C.

(b) Written Protest Required

If an offeror or prospective offeror wishes to object to any aspect of a Port procurement to which this rule applies, the offeror or prospective offeror ("protester") may file a written protest with the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement. The protest must include all grounds for the protest, and all supporting evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits.

(c) Timeliness

A protest must be filed promptly as soon as the protester knows of the grounds for the protest, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were apparent on the face of the solicitation document, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days before the date by which bids or proposals must be submitted, or such other date as may be provided for in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were not apparent until contract award, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days after the protester knew or should have known of the Port's intent to award the contract, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document.

(d) Written Decision

The Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement shall issue a written decision in response to a protest.

(e) Discretionary Meeting

The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may, but is not required to, schedule a meeting with the protester prior to issuing a written decision. The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may invite other Port staff to the meeting, and, in the case of a procurement involving a Port evaluation team, may invite one or more members of the evaluation team to the meeting.

(f) Appeal and Final Administrative Action

If the protester disagrees with the written decision issued by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, the protester may appeal in writing to the Port's Executive Director. The written appeal must be received by the Executive Director's office within five business days after the protester's receipt of the written decision by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. The Executive Director may decline to consider a late appeal. The written appeal must include all legal arguments and all evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits. The Executive Director shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal, and that written decision shall be the Port's final administrative action with respect to the protest.

(g) Port Not Required to Delay Process During Protest

Subject to ORS 279B.405(9) and ORS 279B.415(4), the Port may proceed with the procurement after denial of protest or denial of appeal, including without limitation award and execution of the contract and commencement of the work thereunder.

279B.405 Protests and judicial review of solicitations. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Brand name” means a brand name specification as defined in ORS 279B.200.

(b) “Legally flawed” means that a solicitation document contains terms or conditions that are contrary to law.

(c) “Unnecessarily restrictive” means that specifications limit competition arbitrarily, without reasonably promoting the fulfillment of the procurement needs of a contracting agency.

(2) A prospective bidder, proposer or offeror for a public contract solicited under ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 may file a protest with the contracting agency if the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror believes that the procurement process is contrary to law or that a solicitation document is unnecessarily restrictive, is legally flawed or improperly specifies a brand name. If a prospective bidder, proposer or offeror fails to timely file such a protest, the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror may not challenge the contract on grounds under this subsection in any future legal or administrative proceeding.

(3) The contracting agency, pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, shall notify prospective bidders, proposers or offerors of the time and manner in which a protest under this section may be filed and considered. Before seeking judicial review, a prospective bidder, proposer or offeror must file a protest with the contracting agency and exhaust all available administrative remedies.

(4) The contracting agency shall consider the protest if the protest is timely filed and contains the following:

(a) Sufficient information to identify the solicitation that is the subject of the protest;

(b) The grounds that demonstrate how the procurement process is contrary to law or how the solicitation document is unnecessarily restrictive, is legally flawed or improperly specifies a brand name;

(c) Evidence or supporting documentation that supports the grounds on which the protest is based; and

(d) The relief sought.

(5) If the protest meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section, the contracting agency shall consider the protest and issue a decision in writing. Otherwise, the contracting agency shall promptly notify the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror that the protest is untimely or that the protest failed to meet the requirements of subsection (4) of this section and give the reasons for the failure.

(6) The contracting agency shall issue a decision on the protest in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 no fewer than three business days before bids, proposals or offers are due, unless a written determination is made by the agency that circumstances exist that justify a shorter time limit.

(7) A decision of a contracting agency on a protest under this section, including a protest of a special procurement, is subject to judicial review only if the action or writ of review is filed before the opening of bids, proposals or offers.

(8)(a) A decision of a state contracting agency on a protest under this section is reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located.

(b) A decision of a local contracting agency on a protest under this section is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located.

(9) If judicial review of a contracting agency's decision on a protest under this section is sought, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror that filed the protest. Thereafter, after joining the contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion from the person filing the protest, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(10) In its review, the court shall give due deference to any factual decision made by the contracting agency and may not substitute its judgment for that of the contracting agency, but shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, the court shall remand the procurement process to the contracting agency for a determination of whether and how to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §84; 2007 c.764 §11]

[no Port rule – see Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.400]

279B.410 Protests of contract award. (1) A bidder or proposer may protest the award of a public contract or a notice of intent to award a public contract, whichever occurs first, if:

(a) The bidder or proposer is adversely affected because the bidder or proposer would be eligible to be awarded the public contract in the event that the protest were successful; and

(b) The reason for the protest is that:

(A) All lower bids or higher ranked proposals are nonresponsive;

(B) The contracting agency has failed to conduct the evaluation of proposals in accordance with the criteria or processes described in the solicitation materials;

(C) The contracting agency has abused its discretion in rejecting the protestor's bid or proposal as nonresponsive; or

(D) The contracting agency's evaluation of bids or proposals or the contracting agency's subsequent determination of award is otherwise in violation of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A.

(2) The bidder or proposer shall submit the protest to the contracting agency in writing and shall specify the grounds for the protest to be considered by the contracting agency.

(3) The rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 shall establish a reasonable time and manner for protests to be submitted. The contracting agency may not consider late protests.

(4) The contracting agency shall consider and respond in writing to a protest in a timely manner. After the contracting agency issues the response, the bidder or proposer may seek judicial review in the manner provided in ORS 279B.415. [2003 c.794 §85]

[no Port rule – see Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.400]

279B.415 Judicial review of protests of contract award. (1) As used in this section, “bidder” includes a person who submits a proposal to a public contracting agency pursuant to a request for proposals.

(2) A decision by a state contracting agency on a protest of a contract award is reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located. A decision by a local contracting agency on a protest of a contract award is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located.

(3) To obtain review, a complainant must commence an action before the contract that is the subject of the protest is approved by the Attorney General, if required by ORS 291.047, and executed by the contracting agency. In the complaint, the complainant shall state the nature of the complainant’s interest, the facts showing how the complainant is adversely affected or aggrieved by the contracting agency’s decision and the basis upon which the decision should be reversed or remanded. The complainant shall join as parties all bidders that would be in line for an award of the contract ahead of the complainant. If injunctive relief is sought, the court may require the person seeking a stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in execution of the contract.

(4) When judicial review is sought, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the complainant. Thereafter, upon motion from the complainant, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency’s determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency’s determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(5) The court shall review the matter without a jury and shall consider only those grounds the complainant raised in the protest to the contracting agency.

(6) The court shall remand the matter to the contracting agency for a further decision if:

(a) Substantial evidence does not exist to support the contracting agency’s decision. Substantial evidence exists to support a finding of fact when the record, viewed as a whole, would permit a reasonable person to make that finding;

(b) The contracting agency’s decision was outside the range of discretion delegated to the contracting agency by law;

(c) The decision was inconsistent with a contracting agency rule, an officially stated contracting agency position or an officially stated prior contracting agency practice, if the inconsistency is not explained by the contracting agency; or

(d) The decision was in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision.

(7)(a) In addition to remanding the decision to the contracting agency, the court may order such ancillary relief, such as the cost of bid preparation, as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld. Ancillary relief does not include the award of a contract to the complainant or the award of lost profits or other damages.

(b) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the complainant, the court shall remand the matter to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(c) If a contract has been executed, in addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(d) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §86; 2007 c.764 §12]

[no Port rule]

279B.420 Judicial review of other violations. (1) If a contracting agency allegedly violates a provision of ORS chapter 279A and a judicial remedy is not otherwise available under ORS chapter 279A, 279B or 279C, the alleged violation is subject to judicial review only as provided in this section.

(2) If a contracting agency allegedly violates a provision of this chapter, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, and a judicial remedy is not otherwise provided in this chapter or ORS chapter 279A, the alleged violation is subject to judicial review only as provided in this section.

(3) A person may seek judicial review under this section for a violation described in subsection (1) or (2) of this section only if:

(a) A public contract is about to be awarded or has been awarded;

(b) The alleged violation of a provision of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, occurred in the procurement process for the public contract and the alleged violation resulted in or will result in an unlawful award of a contract or an unlawful failure to award the contract;

(c) The alleged violation deprived the person of the award of the contract or deprived the person of the opportunity to compete for the award of the contract;

(d) The person was qualified to receive the award of the contract under ORS 279B.110;

(e) The person gave written notice that described the alleged violation to the contracting agency not later than 10 days after the date on which the alleged violation occurred and, regardless of when the alleged violation occurred, not later than 10 days after the date of execution of the contract;

(f) The person has exhausted all administrative remedies the contracting agency provides; and

(g)(A) The alleged violation is a violation of a provision of ORS chapter 279A and no other section of ORS chapter 279A, 279B or 279C provides judicial review; or

(B) The alleged violation is a violation of a provision of this chapter, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, and no other section of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A provides judicial review.

(4) If a state contracting agency allegedly commits a violation, the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located may review the alleged violation under ORS 183.484.

(5) If a local contracting agency allegedly commits a violation, the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located may review the alleged violation by means of a writ of review under ORS chapter 34.

(6) If a person gives the notice required under subsection (3)(e) of this section and timely seeks judicial review under this section, the contracting agency may not execute the contract unless the contracting agency determines that a compelling governmental interest exists in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. A contracting agency that makes such a determination shall set forth in writing the reasons for the determination and immediately provide the reasons to the person who filed the challenge. Thereafter, after joining the prospective contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion by the person who filed the challenge, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination that a compelling governmental interest exists in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person who sought the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with a delay in contract performance.

(7) In a review, the circuit court shall give due deference to any factual contracting decision the contracting agency made and may not substitute the court's judgment for the contracting agency's judgment. The court shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the person that sought judicial review, and if the violation could have affected the award of the contract, the court shall remand the procurement to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed and the court rules in favor of the person that sought judicial review, the court shall include in the court's order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §86a; 2009 c.880 §8a; 2011 c.9 §33]

[no Port rule]

279B.425 Review of prequalification and debarment decisions. (1) The procedure for appeal from the denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification under ORS 279B.125, or from a debarment under ORS 279B.130, shall be in accordance with this section and is not subject to ORS chapter 183 except when specifically provided by this section.

(2) Upon receipt of a notice from a contracting agency of a prequalification decision under ORS 279B.125 or of a decision to debar under ORS 279B.130, a prospective bidder or proposer that wishes to appeal the decision shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify

the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer appeals the decision as provided in this section.

(3) Immediately upon receipt of the prospective bidder's or proposer's notice of appeal, the contracting agency shall:

(a) If the contracting agency is a state contracting agency, notify the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(b) If the contracting agency is a local contracting agency, notify the appropriate local contract review board.

(4) Upon the receipt of notice from the contracting agency under subsection (3) of this section, the director or board shall promptly notify the person appealing and the contracting agency of the time and place of the hearing. The director or board shall conduct the hearing and decide the appeal within 30 days after receiving the notice from the contracting agency. The director or board shall set forth in writing the reasons for the hearing decision.

(5) At the hearing the director or board shall consider de novo the notice of denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification or the notice of debarment, the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2) on which the contracting agency based the denial, revocation or revision of the prequalification or the reasons listed in ORS 279B.130 (2) on which the contracting agency based the debarment, and any evidence provided by the parties. In all other respects, a hearing before the director shall be conducted in the same manner as a contested case under ORS 183.417 (1) to (4) and (7), 183.425, 183.440, 183.450 and 183.452. Hearings before a board shall be conducted under rules of procedure adopted by the board.

(6) The director or board may allocate the director's or board's costs for the hearing between the person appealing and the contracting agency whose prequalification or debarment decision is being appealed. The allocation shall be based upon facts found by the director or board and stated in the final order that, in the director's or board's opinion, warrant such allocation of costs. If the final order does not allocate the costs for the hearing, the costs shall be paid as follows:

(a) If the decision to deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person as a bidder or the decision to debar a person is upheld, the costs shall be paid by the person appealing the decision.

(b) If the decision to deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person as a bidder or the decision to debar a person is reversed, the costs shall be paid by the contracting agency whose prequalification or debarment decision is the subject of the appeal.

(7) A decision of the director or board may be reviewed only upon a petition, filed within 15 days after the date of the decision, in the circuit court of the county in which the director or board has its principal office. The circuit court shall reverse or modify the decision only if it finds:

(a) The decision was obtained through corruption, fraud or undue means;

(b) There was evident partiality or corruption that operated to the substantial prejudice of the petitioner on the part of the director or board or any of the board's members; or

(c) There was an evident material miscalculation of figures or an evident material mistake in the description of any person, thing or property referred to in the decision, and the miscalculation or mistake operated to the substantial prejudice of the petitioner.

(8) The procedure provided in this section is the exclusive means of judicial review of the decision of the director or board. The judicial review provisions of ORS 183.480 and writs of review and mandamus as provided in ORS chapter 34, and other legal, declaratory and injunctive remedies, are not available.

(9) The circuit court may stay the letting of the contract that is the subject of the petition in the same manner as a suit in equity. When the court determines that there has been an improper debarment or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification and the contract has been let, the court may proceed to take evidence to determine the damages, if any, suffered by the petitioner and may award such damages as the court may find as a judgment against the director or board.

The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §87; 2007 c.288 §12]

[no Port rule -- Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 12, Disqualification Appeal Procedure, sets forth the Port's rules applicable to ORS 279B.425.]

PERSONAL SERVICES

Port Rule B.500 Personal Services Contracts

(1) Procedures for Selecting Personal Services Contractors

Port Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 defines "personal services." ~~*(1) Applicability*~~

~~*(a) Pursuant to ORS 279A.070, the Port of Portland will use following rules constitute the procedures for the selection of to screen and select persons to perform personal services for the Port of Portland. Port Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 defines "personal services."*~~

~~*(b) The following rules do not apply, and instead the requirements of ORS 279C.110 – 279C.125 apply, when the Port contracts for (a) Except as provided in Section (1)(b) immediately below, the Port will follow procedures established under Port Contracting Rule B.065 (Small Procurements), Port Contracting Rule B.070 (Intermediate Procurements), or Port Contracting Rule B.060 (Competitive Sealed Proposals), as may be determined applicable by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, when the Port contracts for personal services contracts.*~~

~~*(b) Screening and selection procedures for persons to perform architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning, land surveying, or related services under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 are noted immediately above ORS 279C.100 in these rules.*~~

~~*(2) Sufficient Quality and Fair and Reasonable Price*~~

~~*(c) Regardless of the selection process used, the individual(s) in charge of selecting a personal services contractor on behalf of the Port shall ensure that the quality of the service offered by the personal services contractor is sufficient for the Port's particular needs under the circumstances, and that the cost to the Port for the services is fair and reasonable under the circumstances.*~~

~~*(3) Personal Services Contracts of \$10,000 or Less*~~

~~*The Port may select a personal services contractor without soliciting proposals from more than one qualified proposer if the total cost of the personal services contract is estimated to be \$10,000 or less, the quality of service offered by the personal services contractor is sufficient for the Port's particular needs under the circumstances, the cost to the Port is fair and reasonable under the circumstances, the award does not reflect favoritism, and the award is in all other respects in the Port's best interests.*~~

~~*(4) Personal Services Contracts Over \$10,000 But Not Over \$150,000*~~

~~*If the total cost of a personal services contract is estimated to be more than \$10,000 but not more than \$150,000, the Port may solicit proposals informally, either orally or in writing. If practicable, such proposals shall be solicited from a sufficient number of qualified prospective proposers to ensure that no fewer than two qualified proposers submit proposals. If fewer than two qualified proposers submit proposals, the efforts made to solicit proposals should be documented in the Port's files.*~~

~~(5) Personal Services Contracts Over \$150,000~~

~~(A) If the total cost of a personal services contract is estimated to exceed \$150,000 and the proposed contract is not exempt from competitive proposal requirements under this Contracting Rule, the Port shall solicit written proposals by a written request for proposals or other competitive process approved by the manager of Contracts and Procurement, and the Port shall award the contract using a selection method provided for under Port Rule B.060(3).~~

~~(B) Elements of Requests for Proposals~~

~~If the Port issues a request for proposals for a personal services contract, the written request for proposals shall include at least the following elements:~~

~~(i) a description of the criteria upon which proposals will be evaluated;~~

~~(ii) the contractual terms and conditions required by the Port;~~

~~(iii) a description of the work;~~

~~(iv) the requirements that must be satisfied by written proposals; and~~

~~(v) a protest procedure.~~

~~(C) Evaluation of Proposals~~

~~The Port shall evaluate written proposals for personal services contracts estimated to exceed \$150,000 based upon evaluation criteria described in the written request for proposals. The evaluation criteria shall be presumed to have equal importance unless the request for proposals indicates otherwise. The evaluation criteria may be changed only by written addendum to the request for proposals. Except where prohibited by law, by these Contracting Rules, or by other written Port purchasing procedures, price may be included as one of the evaluation criteria. The Port may also follow its selection procedures established under ORS 279C.110 – 279C.125 if the Port determines that the use of such selection procedures would be in the Port's best interests under the circumstances.~~

~~6(2) Personal Services Contract Exemptions from Competitive Proposal Requirements~~

~~(A) Sole Source~~

~~If the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that only one firm is qualified and available to perform a personal services contract, a contract may be awarded to that firm without soliciting proposals from others.~~

~~(B) Sensitive Contracts~~

~~A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that the contract is of a sensitive nature such that the public interest would be best served if the matter were not disclosed or publicized at the time the contract is being awarded.~~

~~(C) Unique or Specialized Knowledge or Expertise~~

~~A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if the contractor has unique or specialized knowledge or expertise required by the Port, and the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that solicitation of proposals from others would not be in the Port's best interests.~~

(D) Emergency Contracts

A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if prompt execution of a contract is necessary to remedy an emergency or in the event of a disaster. Authorization for such award must be obtained in accordance with Port Rule B.080(a).

(~~7~~3) Prohibited Compensation Methodologies

Except as otherwise allowed by law, the Port shall not enter into any personal services contract which expressly compensates a consultant under any of the following methodologies: (a) payment of the consultant's costs under the personal services contract plus a percentage of those costs; (b) payment of a percentage of the applicable Port project's construction costs, or of a percentage of the total costs of the applicable Port project; or (c) payment based on hourly rates for the consultant's personnel plus reimbursable expenses (sometimes referred to as a "time and materials" contract) when the personal services contract does not also include a maximum amount payable under the contract.

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[no Port rule]
- 279C.838 Applicability of state and federal rates of wage; determination of site of project; determination of applicability of wage to transportation

workers; waiver

[no Port rule]

279C.840 Payment of prevailing rate of wage; posting of rates and fringe benefit plan provisions

[no Port rule]

279C.845 Certified statements regarding payment of prevailing rates of wage; retainage

[no Port rule]

279C.850 Inspection to determine whether prevailing rate of wage being paid; civil action for failure to pay prevailing rate of wage or overtime

[no Port rule]

279C.855 Liability for violations

[no Port rule]

279C.860 Ineligibility for public works contracts for failure to pay or post notice of prevailing rates of wage; certified payroll reports to commissioner

[no Port rule]

279C.865 Civil penalties

[no Port rule]

279C.870 Civil action to enforce payment of prevailing rates of wage

[no Port rule]

279C.875 Criminal liability for intentional failure to pay prevailing wage; rules

[no Port rule]

Relevant Statutes with Associated Contracting Rules

General Provisions

279C.005 Definitions. ORS 279A.010 (1) contains general definitions applicable throughout this chapter. [2003 c.794 §88]

[no Port rule]

279C.010 Applicability. Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting under this chapter is subject to ORS chapter 279A, but not ORS chapter 279B. [2003 c.794 §88a; 2005 c.103 §9]

Port Rule C.010 Application

This Division C of the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules implements ORS chapter 279C, Public Contracting – Public Improvements, and applies to the procurement of public improvement contracts and contracts for public works.

Architectural, Engineering, Photogrammetric Mapping, Transportation Planning, Land Surveying and Related Services

Note: Pursuant to Port of Portland Contracting Rule A.065, the model rules adopted by the Attorney General for consultant selection under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 do not apply to the Port. The Port’s procedures for the screening and selection of persons to perform services under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 will be as set forth herein and as may be set forth within the Port’s Purchasing Manual from time to time.

279C.100 Definitions for ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125. As used in ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125:

- (1) “Architect” has the meaning given that term in ORS 671.010.
- (2) “Architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services” means professional services that are required to be performed by an architect, engineer, photogrammetrist, transportation planner or land surveyor.
- (3) “Engineer” means a person who is registered and holds a valid certificate in the practice of engineering in the State of Oregon, as provided under ORS 672.002 to 672.325, and includes all terms listed in ORS 672.002 (2).
- (4) “Land surveyor” means a person who is registered and holds a valid certificate in the practice of land surveying in the State of Oregon, as provided under ORS 672.002 to 672.325, and includes all terms listed in ORS 672.002 (5).
- (5) “Personal services” means the services of a person or persons that are designated by a state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contracting agency as personal services. “Personal services” includes architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services procured under ORS 279C.105 or 279C.110 and related services procured under ORS 279C.120.
- (6) “Photogrammetric mapping” has the meaning given that term in ORS 672.002.
- (7) “Photogrammetrist” has the meaning given that term in ORS 672.002.
- (8) “Related services” means personal services, other than architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services, that are related to planning, designing, engineering or overseeing public improvement projects or components of

public improvement projects, including but not limited to landscape architectural services, facilities planning services, energy planning services, space planning services, hazardous substances or hazardous waste or toxic substances testing services, cost estimating services, appraising services, material testing services, mechanical system balancing services, commissioning services, project management services, construction management services and owner's representation services or land-use planning services.

(9) "Transportation planning services" means transportation planning services for projects that require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. [2003 c.794 §89; 2005 c.103 §10; 2005 c.445 §12; 2011 c.458 §1; 2013 c.196 §20]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100. For purposes of ORS 279C.100(5), Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 designates certain services as "personal services."]

279C.105 Contracts for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying and related services; procedures. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279A.140, a contracting agency may enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services on behalf of a state contracting agency that is subject to ORS 279A.140. The provisions of this section do not relieve the contracting agency of the duty to comply with ORS 279A.140, other law applicable to the state contracting agency or applicable city or county charter provisions. A contracting agency that is authorized to enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services shall adopt procedures to screen and select persons to perform architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services under ORS 279C.110 or 279C.120.

(2) A state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contract review board by ordinance, resolution, administrative rule or other regulation may, consistent with the provisions of ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125, designate certain personal services contracts or classes of personal service contracts as contracts for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services. [2003 c.794 §90; 2005 c.103 §11; 2011 c.458 §2]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.107 Public disclosure of contents of proposals for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services; treatment of trade secrets and confidential information. (1) Notwithstanding the public records law, ORS 192.~~410~~311 to 192.~~505~~478, if a contracting agency solicits a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services by a competitive proposal:

(a) The contracting agency may open proposals so as to avoid disclosing contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation.

(b) The contracting agency need not open proposals for public inspection until after the contracting agency executes a contract.

(2) Notwithstanding any requirement to open proposals to public inspection after the contracting agency executes a contract, a contracting agency shall withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.~~504345~~, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.~~502355~~, that are contained in a proposal. Opening a proposal at a public meeting, as defined in ORS 192.610, does not make the contents of the proposal subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body that opens the proposal fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals. If a request for proposals is canceled after proposals are received, the contracting agency shall, subject to ORS 192.~~504345~~ and 192.~~502355~~, return a proposal and all copies of the proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation. [2007 c.764 §41; 2011 c.458 §3]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.110 Selection procedures for consultants to provide services; use of pricing proposals; compensation; protests; applicability; rules. (1) A contracting agency shall select a consultant to provide architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services on the basis of the consultant’s qualifications for the type of professional service required. A contracting agency may solicit or use pricing policies and proposals or other pricing information, including the number of hours proposed for the service required, expenses, hourly rates and overhead, to determine consultant compensation only after the contracting agency has selected a consultant.

(2) Subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the procedures that a contracting agency creates to screen prospective consultants and make a selection are at the contracting agency’s sole discretion. The contracting agency may adjust the procedures to accommodate the contracting agency’s scope, schedule or objectives for a particular project if the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for the project does not exceed \$250,000.

(3) A contracting agency’s screening and selection procedures under this section, regardless of the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for a project, may include considering each prospective consultant’s:

(a) Specialized experience, capabilities and technical competence, which the prospective consultant may demonstrate with the prospective consultant’s proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements;

(b) Resources committed to perform the services and the proportion of the time that the prospective consultant’s staff would spend to perform services for the contracting agency, including time for specialized services, within the applicable time limits;

(c) Record of past performance, including but not limited to price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control and contract administration;

(d) Ownership status and employment practices regarding disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses ~~that service-disabled veterans own~~, emerging small businesses or historically underutilized businesses;

(e) Availability to the project locale;

(f) Familiarity with the project locale; and

(g) Proposed project management techniques.

(4) If the screening and selection procedures a contracting agency follows under this section or creates under subsection (2) of this section result in the contracting agency’s determination that two or more prospective consultants are equally qualified, the contracting agency may use any

process to select a consultant that is not based on the prospective consultant's pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information.

(5) Notwithstanding the requirement in subsection (1) of this section that a contracting agency may not solicit or use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information until after the contracting agency has selected a consultant, a local contracting agency may use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information as part of the local contracting agency's screening and selection of prospective consultants if the local contracting agency:

(a) States in solicitation documents for the procurement:

(A) That the local contracting agency will screen and select prospective consultants as provided in this subsection;

(B) How the local contracting agency will rank proposals from prospective consultants, with a specific focus on:

(i) Which factors the local contracting agency will consider in evaluating proposals, including pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information, if the local contracting agency will use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information in the evaluation; and

(ii) The relative weight the local contracting agency will give each factor, disclosing at a minimum the number of available points for each factor, the percentage each factor comprises in the total evaluation score and any other weighting criteria the local contracting agency intends to use;

(C) An estimate of the cost of professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement; and

(D) A scope of work that is sufficiently detailed to enable a prospective consultant to prepare a responsive proposal.

(b) Evaluates each prospective consultant on the basis of the prospective consultant's qualifications to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement. The local contracting agency may use the criteria set forth in subsection (3) of this section to conduct the evaluation.

(c) Announces the evaluation scores and rank for each prospective consultant after completing the evaluation described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. The local contracting agency may determine that as many as three of the top-ranked prospective consultants are qualified to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement and may request a pricing proposal for the scope of work stated in paragraph (a)(D) of this subsection from each of the top-ranked consultants. The pricing proposal:

(A) Must consist of:

(i) A schedule of hourly rates that the prospective consultant will charge for the work of each individual or each labor classification that will perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement, in the form of an offer that is irrevocable for not less than 90 days after the date of the proposal; and

(ii) A reasonable estimate of hours that the prospective consultant will require to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement; and

(B) May include, at the local contracting agency's request, additional pricing information that is limited to:

(i) A description of each task that the prospective consultant understands as comprising the professional services;

(ii) A list of each individual or labor classification that will perform each task, together with the hourly rate that applies to the individual or labor classification; and

(iii) A list of expenses, including travel expenses, that the prospective consultant expects to incur in connection with providing the professional services.

(d) Permits a prospective consultant identified as qualified under paragraph (c) of this subsection to withdraw from consideration for the procurement if the prospective consultant does not wish to provide a price proposal.

(e) Completes the evaluation and selects a consultant from among the top-ranked prospective consultants that have not withdrawn as provided under paragraph (d) of this subsection, giving not more than 15 percent of the weight in the evaluation to each prospective consultant's price proposal.

(6) The contracting agency and the consultant that the contracting agency selects shall mutually discuss, refine and finalize the scope of, the rates and number of hours applicable to, and the maximum compensation level for the professional services and shall negotiate conditions including, but not limited to, a performance schedule for the project. The contracting agency may not pay a compensation level that exceeds a level that the contracting agency alone determines is fair and reasonable to the contracting agency. Authority to negotiate a contract under this section does not supersede any provision of ORS 279A.140 or 279C.520.

(7) If the contracting agency and a consultant that the contracting agency selected are unable for any reason to negotiate a contract at a compensation level that is reasonable and fair to the contracting agency, the contracting agency shall, either orally or in writing, formally terminate negotiations with the selected consultant. The contracting agency may then negotiate with the next most qualified prospective consultant. The contracting agency may continue in this manner through successive prospective consultants until an agreement is reached or the contracting agency terminates the selection process.

(8) A prospective consultant has a right to protest the contents of a contracting agency's solicitation documents and the contracting agency's selection of a consultant in accordance with:

(a) Protest procedures in model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065; or

(b) Protest procedures the contracting agency must set forth in rules that the contracting agency adopts, if the contracting agency adopts rules under ORS 279A.065 (6).

(9) A goal of this state is to promote a sustainable economy in the rural areas of this state. In order to monitor progress toward this goal, a state contracting agency shall keep a record of the locations in which architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services contracts and related services contracts are performed throughout this state, the locations of the selected consultants and the direct expenses of each contract. This record must include the total number of contracts awarded to each consultant over a 10-year period. The record of direct expenses must include all personnel travel expenses as a separate and identifiable expense of the contract. Upon request, the state contracting agency shall make these records available to the public.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a contracting agency may directly appoint a consultant if the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for the project does not exceed \$100,000.

(11) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (10) of this section, a contracting agency may directly appoint a consultant for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services in an emergency. [2003 c.794 §91; 2003 c.794 §92; 2005 c.509 §§1,3; 2011 c.458 §4; 2015 c.565 §15; 2019 c.55 §1; [2023 c.497 §14](#)]

Port Rule C.110 Mixed Contracts; Prohibited Compensation Methodologies

(a) Mixed Contracts

For purposes of this rule, a “mixed contract” is a Port of Portland personal services contract which requires the personal services provider to perform consulting services that are governed by ORS 279C.110 and to provide one of the following under the same contract: related services that are governed by ORS 279C.120; or other services or goods that are governed under ORS Chapter 279B. The Port’s procurement procedure for a mixed contract will be determined by the predominant purpose of the contract. The Port will determine the predominant purpose of the contract by determining which of the services involves the majority of the total estimated fee to be paid under the contract. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for consulting services that are governed by ORS 279C.110, the Port shall comply with the requirements of ORS 279C.110. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for related services that are governed by ORS 279C.120, the Port shall comply with the requirements of ORS 279C.120. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for services or goods that are governed under ORS Chapter 279B, the Port shall comply with the applicable provisions of ORS Chapter 279B and any Port Contracting Rules applicable thereunder.

(b) Prohibited Compensation Methodologies

Except as otherwise allowed by law, the Port shall not enter into any personal services contract subject to ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 which expressly compensates a personal services provider under any of the following methodologies: (a) payment of the personal services provider's costs under the personal services contract plus a percentage of those costs; (b) payment of a percentage of the applicable Port project’s construction costs, or of a percentage of the total costs of the applicable Port project; or (c) payment based on hourly rates for the personal services provider's personnel plus reimbursable expenses (sometimes referred to as a "time and materials" contract) when the personal services contract does not also include a maximum amount payable to the personal services provider under the contract.

279C.115 Direct contracts for services of consultants. (1) As used in this section, “consultant” means an architect, engineer, photogrammetrist, transportation planner or land surveyor.

(2) A contracting agency may enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services directly with a consultant if the project described in the contract consists of work that has been substantially described, planned or otherwise previously studied or rendered in an earlier contract with the consultant that was awarded under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 and the new contract is a continuation of the project.

(3) A contracting agency may adopt criteria for determining when this section applies to a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services. [2003 c.794 §94; 2011 c.458 §5]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.120 Selection procedure for related services. (1) A contracting agency may select consultants to perform related services:

(a) In accordance with screening and selection procedures adopted under ORS 279C.105;

(b) On the basis of the qualifications of the consultants for the types of related services required, under the requirements of ORS 279C.110; or

(c) On the basis of price competition, price and performance evaluations, an evaluation of the capabilities of bidders to perform the needed related services or an evaluation of the capabilities of the bidders to perform the needed related services followed by negotiations between the parties on the price for those related services.

(2) Subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the procedures that a contracting agency adopts for the screening and selection of consultants and the selection of a candidate under this section is within the sole discretion of the contracting agency and may be adjusted to accommodate the contracting agency's scope, schedule and budget objectives for a particular project. Adjustments to accommodate a contracting agency's objectives may include provision for the direct appointment of a consultant if the value of the project does not exceed a threshold amount as determined by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §95]

[no Port rule – see Port Contracting Rule C.110 and Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.125 Architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning and land surveying services selection process for local public improvements procured through state agency; rules. (1) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or any other state contracting agency shall adopt rules establishing a two-tiered selection process for contracts with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners and land surveyors to perform personal services contracts. The selection process shall apply only if:

(a) A public improvement is owned and maintained by a local government; and

(b) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or another state contracting agency will serve as the lead state contracting agency and will execute personal services contracts with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners and land surveyors for work on the public improvement project.

(2) The selection process required by subsection (1) of this section must require the lead state contracting agency to select no fewer than the three most qualified consultants when feasible in accordance with ORS 279C.110.

(3) The local government is responsible for the final selection of the consultant from the list of qualified consultants selected by the lead state contracting agency or through an alternative process adopted by the local government.

(4) Nothing in this section applies to the selection process used by a local contracting agency when the contracting agency executes a contract directly with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners or land surveyors. [2003 c.794 §96; 2011 c.458 §6]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

Prompt Payment Pilot Program

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~~Note: Sections 1 to 4, chapter 216, Oregon Laws 2017, provide: * * * [2017 c.216 §4]~~

~~*[no Port rule]*~~

Procurement of Construction Services

General Policies

279C.300 Policy on competition. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that public

improvement contracts awarded under this chapter must be based on competitive bidding, except as otherwise specifically provided in ORS 279C.335 for exceptions and formal exemptions from competitive bidding requirements. [2003 c.794 §97]

[no Port rule]

279C.303 Production in United States of materials for public improvements and public works; waiver and review of waiver; technical assistance and grant program; rules. * * *

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279C.305 Least-cost policy for public improvements; requirement to file list of planned projects and estimated costs and to identify projects contracting agency intends to complete with own personnel and resources; required analysis; exceptions. (1) The policy of the State of Oregon is that contracting agencies shall make every effort to construct public improvements at the least cost to the contracting agency.

(2)(a) Not less than 30 days before adopting a budget for the subsequent budget period or before starting to construct a public improvement, each contracting agency shall prepare and file with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries a list of every public improvement that the contracting agency plans to fund in the budget period, identifying each improvement by name and estimating the total on-site construction costs. The list must also state whether the contracting agency intends to perform the construction through a private contractor.

(b) If the contracting agency intends to use the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel to perform construction work on a public improvement, and the estimated value of the construction work that the contracting agency intends to perform with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel exceeds \$200,000, the contracting agency shall file with the commissioner not later than 180 days before construction begins on the public improvement an analysis that shows that the contracting agency's decision conforms to the policy stated in subsection (1) of this section. The list and the analysis are public records and the contracting agency may periodically revise the list or analysis.

(3) As part of the analysis required under subsection (2)(b) of this section, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Estimate the cost of contracting with a private contractor to construct the public improvement, including in the estimate all necessary and related costs that the private contractor would incur to construct the public improvement;

(b) Estimate the costs the contracting agency would incur in constructing the public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel and include in the estimate:

(A) The cost of labor, including all benefits the contracting agency pays to or on behalf of employees of the contracting agency who will work on the public improvement, workers' compensation insurance premiums and the cost of traveling to and from the site of the public improvement;

(B) The cost of equipment, including costs associated with leasing, renting or acquiring and owning the equipment, costs for transporting the equipment to and from the site of the public improvement, costs for depreciation and costs for insuring, operating, storing, repairing and maintaining the equipment;

(C) The costs of administration and overhead the contracting agency will incur, including insurance, shop and office costs that are allocable to the public improvement;

(D) The cost of tools and materials;
(E) The costs associated with any contracts into which the contracting agency must enter;
(F) The commercially reasonable value of quality control testing if the contracting agency would require quality control testing for the work that a private contractor performed on the public improvement; and

(G) Any other necessary and related costs that the contracting agency will incur to construct the public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel; and

(c) Compare the cost the contracting agency estimates under paragraph (a) of this subsection with the cost the contracting agency estimates under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(4) Before a contracting agency constructs a public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel, the contracting agency shall:

(a) Prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the unit cost of each classification of construction work that are sufficient to control the performance of the construction work and ensure satisfactory construction quality, if the estimated cost of the public improvement exceeds \$200,000; and

(b) Prepare and preserve a full, true and accurate account of the actual costs of performing the work, including all categories of costs described in subsection (3)(b) of this section. The final account of the costs is a public record.

(5) Subsections (2) to (4) of this section do not apply to a contracting agency if:

(a) The public improvement is for distributing or transmitting electric power; or

(b) The contracting agency did not receive a responsive bid or proposal for constructing the public improvement from a responsible bidder or proposer after soliciting bids or proposals for constructing the public improvement, if the solicitation:

(A) Occurred within one year before the date on which construction began; and

(B) Allowed a commercially reasonable time in which to perform the construction.

(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for purposes of this section, resurfacing highways, roads or streets at a depth of two or more inches and at an estimated cost that exceeds \$125,000 is a public improvement that is subject to the listing, analysis and accounting provisions of subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

(b) A public improvement does not include placing maintenance patching, chip seals or other seals as a maintenance treatment on highways, roads, streets or bridges.

(c) A contracting agency shall prepare and preserve a full, true and accurate account of the actual costs of performing road or street resurfacing if the actual or estimated cost of the highway, road or street resurfacing exceeds \$125,000.

(7)(a) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall conduct a review of:

(A) The costs described in subsection (3) of this section to determine whether contracting agencies must adjust the methodology for calculating the costs;

(B) The threshold amounts specified for conducting the analysis described in subsection (2)(b) of this section and preparing the specifications and cost estimates described in subsection (4) of this section to determine whether to adjust the threshold amounts; and

(C) Other aspects of the implementation of the policy set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) The bureau shall conduct the review described in paragraph (a) of this subsection every four years, beginning in the last calendar quarter of 2021, and in consultation with affected contracting agencies, contractors and trade associations. The bureau shall communicate the results of the review to all contracting agencies, shall make the results available to interested persons upon request and shall report the results to the Legislative Assembly not later than January 1 of the calendar year that follows the year in which the bureau conducted the review. [2003 c.794 §98; 2017 c.715 §1]

[no Port rule]

~~279C.306~~ Administrative enforcement of least-cost policy for public improvements; procedure; civil action. (1)(a) A contractor, or a trade association of contractors acting on behalf of a member of the trade association, may allege in a complaint to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries that a contracting agency has violated ORS 279C.305 with respect to a public improvement that a contractor was eligible to construct.

(b) A complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection must set forth the acts or omissions that constitute the alleged violation. The contractor or trade association must file the complaint with the commissioner within one year after the contractor or trade association discovered or should have known that the violation occurred.

(c) The contractor or trade association must submit along with a complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection a filing fee of \$250. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence of a violation, the commissioner shall refund the filing fee. The commissioner by rule may specify other circumstances in which the commissioner will refund the filing fee.

(d) The commissioner shall dismiss a complaint under this subsection if the contractor or trade association brings an action in a court of this state or initiates another proceeding that alleges an act or omission that is the same or substantially similar to an act or omission the contractor or trade association alleged in the complaint.

(2)(a) The commissioner shall investigate a violation of ORS 279C.305 that is alleged in a complaint under subsection (1) of this section or that the commissioner discovers or otherwise has reason to believe occurred unless the commissioner reasonably concludes that the facts alleged do not constitute a violation or that the complaint is frivolous or was filed to harass the contracting agency or for purposes other than to enforce the requirements of ORS 279C.305.

(b) In the course of an investigation under this subsection, to the extent reasonably necessary, the commissioner may:

(A) Compel attendance from witnesses, receive testimony and examine the witnesses under oath;

(B) Require a contracting agency or an employee of a contracting agency to produce books, records, files and other documents; and

(C) Take any other action the commissioner deems necessary to conduct the investigation.

(3)(a) The commissioner must conclude an investigation under subsection (2) of this section within 60 days after beginning the investigation and must either find substantial evidence of a violation of ORS 279C.305 or end the investigation and dismiss any complaint. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence of a violation, the commissioner shall:

(A) Notify the contracting agency in writing that the commissioner has found substantial evidence of a violation of ORS 279C.305, describe the nature of the violation and, if the commissioner has not found substantial evidence of a violation in the five years preceding the date on which the commissioner began the investigation, state that for future violations, the commissioner will require the contracting agency to negotiate an agreement under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(B) Provide a copy of any notice the commissioner issued under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to any contractor or trade association that filed a complaint concerning the violation under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) If the commissioner in the course of an investigation under subsection (2) of this section finds substantial evidence that the contracting agency violated ORS 279C.305 within the five years preceding the date on which the commissioner began the investigation, the commissioner shall specify a period of time within which the contracting agency must negotiate an agreement with the contractor or the trade association to remedy the violation and prevent future violations.

(c) If the contracting agency and the contractor or trade association enter into an agreement within the specified period, the commissioner in an order shall set forth, and direct the contracting agency to comply with, the terms of the agreement.

(d) If negotiations between the contracting agency and the contractor or trade association do not result in an agreement within the time the commissioner specifies, the commissioner may:

(A) Extend the time period for negotiations;

(B) End negotiations and dismiss the complaint, provided that the commissioner states the commissioner's reasons for the dismissal in an order to dismiss the complaint; or

(C) End negotiations and initiate a contested case hearing against the contracting agency under ORS chapter 183.

(4)(a) If a contracting agency that is a party to an agreement set forth in accordance with an order of the commissioner under subsection (3)(c) of this section breaches the agreement, a contractor or trade association that is a party to the agreement may submit a complaint to the commissioner that asks the commissioner to enforce the agreement. The contractor or trade association must file the complaint within 180 days after the date the contractor or trade association discovered or should have known of the breach.

(b) The commissioner shall investigate a complaint that a contractor or trade association files under paragraph (a) of this subsection as provided in subsection (2) of this section. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence that the contracting agency materially breached the agreement, the commissioner may:

(A) Issue an order to cease and desist from the contracting agency's material breach and to perform actions that the commissioner determines will carry out the purposes of ORS 279C.305 and remedy the effects of the breach; or

(B) Conduct a contested case hearing in accordance with ORS chapter 183.

(c) An order to cease and desist that the commissioner issues under paragraph (b)(A) of this subsection may not include an award of attorney fees. The remedy that the commissioner orders may include requiring the contracting agency to enter into a contract with a contractor to perform any remaining construction on the public improvement that is the subject of the contracting agency's violation.

(5)(a) If the commissioner finds by a preponderance of the evidence in a contested case hearing under subsection (3)(d)(C) of this section that a local contracting agency violated the least cost policy set forth in ORS 279C.305 (1), or in a contested case hearing under subsection (4)(b)(B) of this section that a local contracting agency materially breached the agreement described in subsection (3)(c) of this section, the commissioner shall order the contracting agency to cease and desist from the conduct that constitutes the breach and may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for the violation or breach or a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000 if the commissioner determines that the local contracting agency willfully engaged in a violation of the least cost policy set forth in ORS 279C.305 (1).

(b) The commissioner shall impose a civil penalty under paragraph (a) of this subsection in accordance with ORS 183.745 and shall apply the proceeds of the civil penalty first to the costs of the commissioner's investigation and any administrative proceedings that result from the investigation. The commissioner shall deposit any remaining proceeds in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(6) In addition to other available remedies for violations of orders of the commissioner, a contractor or trade association may bring a civil action to enforce a cease and desist order issued under subsection (5)(a) of this section through writ of mandamus or specific performance. [2017 c.715 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.307 Limitations in procurement of personal services; exceptions; procedure for obtaining exception= from appropriate authority; basis for approving exception. (1) Except as provided in ~~subsections~~subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a contracting agency that procures personal services for the purpose of administering, managing, monitoring, inspecting, evaluating compliance with or otherwise overseeing a public contract that is subject to this chapter may not:

___(a) Procure the personal services from a contractor or an affiliate of a contractor who is a party to the public contract that is subject to administration, management, monitoring, inspection, evaluation or oversight by means of the personal services; or

___(b) Procure the personal services through the public contract that is subject to administration, management, monitoring, inspection, evaluation or oversight by means of the personal services.

___(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a combination of preconstruction services and construction services in a procurement for construction manager/general contractor services or to a combination of design services and construction services in a design-build procurement, as defined in rules the Attorney General or a contracting agency adopts under ORS 279A.065. ~~[2009 e.880 §11; 2013 e.522 §6]~~

_____ (3)(a) If a contracting agency anticipates that the contracting agency must procure personal services of the type described in subsection (1) of this section and the contracting agency intends to accept a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the contracting agency shall apply to an appropriate authority for an exception to the prohibition before awarding a public contract for the personal services or amending an existing public contract to include the personal services.

___(b) For a state contracting agency, the appropriate authority is the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. For a local contracting agency, the appropriate authority is the local contracting agency's local contract review board. For the Department of Transportation, with respect to a procurement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the appropriate authority is the Director of Transportation.

___(c) In preparing an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection, a contracting agency shall consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section and this chapter. The requirements of this paragraph are in addition to any requirements for legal sufficiency approval under ORS 291.047.

___(d) An application under paragraph (a) of this subsection must include findings and justifications, along with sufficient facts to support the findings and justifications, that enable the authority to make an independent judgment as to whether:

___(A) The contracting agency requires the personal services described in subsection (1) of this section;

___(B) Accepting a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section is in the best interest of the contracting agency; and

___(C) Approving an exception:

___(i) Is unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and

___(ii)(I) Is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or the public; or

___(II) Otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not be practicably realized by complying with the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section.

___(e)(A) If the appropriate authority approves the contracting agency's application under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the appropriate authority shall prepare written findings and justifications for the approval. The contracting agency's findings, justifications and facts and the

appropriate authority's findings, justifications and approval are public records that are subject to disclosure as provided in ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(B) If the appropriate authority disapproves the contracting agency's application, the appropriate authority shall state the reasons for the disapproval in a written notice to the contracting agency and shall indicate whether the disapproval extends only to the contracting agency's acceptance of a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section or whether the appropriate authority also disagrees with the contracting agency's stated need for the personal services.

(C) The appropriate authority's approval or disapproval is final.

(f) In approving an exception under this subsection, the appropriate authority may direct a contracting agency to consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with applicable law in conducting a procurement for personal services of the type described in subsection (1) of this section. [2009 c.880 §11; 2013 c.522 §6; 2021 c.630 §48]

[no Port rule]

—279C.308 Community benefit contract; permitted provisions; required contents of solicitation; powers and duties of contracting agency and local contract review board; rules. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Apprentice" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(b) "Apprenticeable occupation" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(c) "Community benefit project" means a public improvement project that is subject to the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract.

(2) As used in this section and in ORS 279C.375 and 279C.430, "community benefit contract" means a public improvement contract that includes, but is not limited to, the elements described in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

(3)(a) A contracting agency or local contract review board may enact or adopt, as appropriate, an ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or other legislative or administrative measure that authorizes the contracting agency or local contract review board to designate a public improvement contract as a community benefit contract.

(b) In addition to and not in lieu of any other requirement that applies to a public improvement contract under this chapter, a public improvement contract that a contracting agency or local contract review board designates as a community benefit contract may include as material provisions of the contract, but need not be limited to, terms and conditions that require the contractor to:

(A) Qualify as a training agent, as defined in ORS 660.010, or provide apprenticeship training that meets applicable federal and state standards for apprenticeship training;

(B) Employ apprentices to perform a specified percentage of work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform on the community benefit project;

(C) Provide employer-paid family health insurance; and

(D) Meet any other requirements that the contracting agency or local contract review board sets forth in the ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or other legislative or administrative measure that authorizes procurements of community benefit contracts.

(c) A contracting agency or local contract review board shall:

(A) Ensure, before advertising or soliciting a community benefit contract, that all advertisements and solicitation documents state clearly that the procurement is for a community benefit contract and identify conspicuously all of the provisions to which a contractor will be subject, including the percentage of work hours for which the contractor must employ apprentices and the standards that will apply to the health plan the contractor must provide; and

(B) Require, before accepting and evaluating bids or proposals for a community benefit contract, that each bidder or proposer include with the bid or proposal a signed statement that acknowledges that the bidder or proposer understands and agrees to be bound by the requirements that apply to the community benefit contract.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a solicitation and award of a community benefit contract is subject to all applicable provisions of the Public Contracting Code. [2021 c.488 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.310 Limitation on contracting agency constructing public improvement. If a contracting agency fails to adopt and apply a cost accounting system that substantially complies with the model cost accounting guidelines developed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 3, chapter 869, Oregon Laws 1979, as determined by an accountant qualified to perform audits required by ORS 297.210 and 297.405 to 297.555 (Municipal Audit Law), the contracting agency may not construct a public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel if the cost exceeds \$5,000. [2003 c.794 §99]

[no Port rule]

279C.315 Waiver of damages for unreasonable delay by contracting agency against public policy. (1) Any clause in a public improvement contract that purports to waive, release or extinguish the rights of a contractor to damages or an equitable adjustment arising out of unreasonable delay in performing the contract, if the delay is caused by acts or omissions of the contracting agency or persons acting therefor, is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section is not intended to render void any contract provision that:

- (a) Requires notice of any delay;
- (b) Provides for arbitration or other procedures for settlement of contract disputes; or
- (c) Provides for reasonable liquidated damages. [2003 c.794 §100]

[no Port rule]

279C.320 Contracts for construction other than public improvements. (1) Contracting agencies shall enter into contracts for emergency work, minor alteration, ordinary repair or maintenance of public improvements, as well as any other construction contract that is not defined as a public improvement under ORS 279A.010, in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 279B. Contracts for emergency work are regulated under ORS 279B.080.

(2) Nothing in this section relieves contracting agencies or contractors of any other relevant requirements under this chapter, including payment of prevailing wage rates when applicable.

(3) When construction services are not considered to be a public improvement under this chapter because no funds of a public agency are directly or indirectly used, except for participation that is incidental or related primarily to project design or inspection, the benefiting public body may nonetheless condition acceptance of the services on receipt of such protections as the public body considers to be in the public interest, including a performance bond, a payment bond and appropriate insurance. [2003 c.794 §101; 2007 c.764 §13]

Port Rule C.320 Environmental Remediation Services; Emergency Procurements

(a) Environmental Remediation Services

(i) The Port of Portland may enter into contracts for environmental remediation services in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 279B if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, in writing, that the project is not a “public improvement” as defined under ORS 279A.010. The determination must be based on written findings that consider whether the project meets such definition, including at minimum the following factors:

(1) the extent to which the environment itself will be restored to its former state at project conclusion;

(2) whether any structures will be constructed or altered and will remain at project conclusion, and if so, whether the value of such structures is nominal relative to the balance of the work;

(3) the extent to which the work directly or indirectly benefits any existing structures owned by the Port;

(4) the extent to which the work is a minor alteration, ordinary repair, or maintenance required to preserve a public improvement.

(ii) For purposes of this rule, “environmental remediation services” means activities related to restoring a contaminated environment, such as preliminary assessment, site inspection, testing, remedial investigation, feasibility studies, remedial design, containment, remedial action, removal and storage of contaminated materials, and replacement with same or similar non-contaminated materials.

(b) Emergency Procurements

Emergency contracts for construction services are not public improvement contracts and are regulated under ORS 279B.080 and Port Rule B.080.

279C.325 Limitation on contracting agency awarding contract to nonresident education service district. A contracting agency may not award a public improvement contract, a contract for a public works, as defined in ORS 279C.800, or a contract for personal services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, to a nonresident bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120, that is an education service district. [2005 c.413 §2]

[no Port rule]

Competitive Bidding; Contract Specifications; Exceptions; Exemptions

279C.330 “Findings” defined. (1) As used in ORS 279C.345 and 279C.350, “findings” means the justification for a contracting agency conclusion that includes, but is not limited to, information regarding:

(a) Operational, budget and financial data;

(b) Public benefits;

(c) Value engineering;

(d) Specialized expertise required;

(e) Public safety;

(f) Market conditions;

(g) Technical complexity; and

(h) Funding sources.

(2) As used in ORS 279C.335, “findings” means the justification for a conclusion that a contracting agency or state agency, in seeking an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement of ORS 279C.335 (1), reaches based on the considerations set forth in ORS 279C.335 (2). [2003 c.794 §102; 2013 c.522 §7]

[no Port rule]

279C.332 Definitions for ORS 279A.065, 279C.307, 279C.335, 279C.337 and 279C.380.

As used in this section and ORS 279A.065, 279C.307, 279C.335, 279C.337 and 279C.380:

(1) “Affiliate” means a person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with another person.

(2) “Construction manager/general contractor” means a person that provides construction manager/general contractor services to a contracting agency under a public improvement contract.

(3)(a) “Construction manager/general contractor services” means construction-related services that a contracting agency procures by means of an alternative contracting method under ORS 279C.335 and that:

(A) Include a construction manager/general contractor’s:

(i) Functioning as a member of a project team that includes the contracting agency, the architect or engineer that designs the public improvement under a separate contract with the contracting agency and other contractors and consultants; and

(ii) Reviewing and analyzing a design for a public improvement in order to:

(I) Suggest changes in the design that minimize potential errors, delays, unexpected costs and other problems during construction;

(II) Recommend means by which the contracting agency may achieve the functions of the public improvement or a component of the public improvement safely, reliably, efficiently and at the lowest overall cost;

(III) Improve the value and quality of the public improvement; and

(IV) Reduce the time necessary to complete the public improvement; and

(B) May include, depending on the specific terms of the public improvement contract and on whether the contracting agency decides to proceed with construction, a construction manager/general contractor’s:

(i) Devising a schedule for constructing the public improvement;

(ii) Estimating construction, materials, labor and other costs for the public improvement;

(iii) Establishing a fixed price, a guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price;

(iv) Constructing portions of the public improvement and subcontracting portions to other contractors;

(v) Coordinating and overseeing the construction process; or

(vi) Performing other services related to constructing a public improvement in accordance with the terms of the public improvement contract.

(b) “Construction manager/general contractor services” does not include services related to constructing a public improvement under the terms of:

(A) A public improvement contract that a contracting agency awards on the basis of a competitive bidding process that does not require an exemption under ORS 279C.335;

(B) A public improvement contract that results from a design-build procurement, as defined in rules the Attorney General or a contracting agency adopts under ORS 279A.065, and that is exempt from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335;

(C) An energy savings performance contract;

- (D) A public improvement contract for a transportation project that:
- (i) Is exempt from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335;
 - (ii) Requires the contractor to construct the project according to plans and specifications that a design professional provides under a separate contract with the contracting agency and without significant participation from the contractor; and
 - (iii) The contracting agency awards on the basis of the contracting agency's evaluation of:
 - (I) The contractor's qualifications, the price to perform the work on the project and the amount of time the contractor will take to perform the work; or
 - (II) The contractor's qualifications, past experience with similar projects, the price to perform the work on the project and the contractor's planned approach to the project; or
- (E) A public improvement contract that is otherwise exempt or excepted from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335.
- (4) "Guaranteed maximum price" means the total price at which a construction manager/general contractor agrees to provide construction manager/general contractor services to a contracting agency in accordance with the terms and conditions and scope of work for a specific public improvement contract and within which are:
- (a) All costs the contracting agency agrees to reimburse and all fees the contracting agency agrees to pay for completing the public improvement; and
 - (b) Any contingent costs, fees or other charges specifically identified in the public improvement contract. [2013 c.522 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.335 Competitive bidding requirement; exceptions; exemptions.—(1) AHA contracting agency may award a public improvement contracts shall be based upon contract only in response to competitive bids, except for:

- (a) A public improvement contract with a qualified nonprofit agency that provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855.
- (b) A public improvement contract that is exempt under subsection (2) of this section.
- (c) A public improvement contract with a value of less than \$~~525,000~~. A state contracting agency that awards a public improvement contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more under this paragraph shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:
 - (A) Comply with ORS 200.035; and
 - (B) Invite to participate in the procurement qualified businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.
- (d) A public improvement contract with a contract price that does not exceed \$100,000 made under procedures for competitive quotes in ORS 279C.412 and 279C.414.
- (e) A contract to repair, maintain, improve or protect property the Department of Veterans' Affairs obtains under ORS 407.135 and 407.145 (1).
- (f) An energy savings performance contract that a contracting agency enters into in accordance with rules of procedure adopted under ORS 279A.065.
- (g) A public improvement contract with an estimated contract price of \$250,000 or less that a contracting agency awards to an emerging small business certified under ORS 200.055 and funds with moneys from the Emerging Small Business Account established under ORS 200.180. A contracting agency that awards a public contract exempted from competitive bidding under this paragraph shall solicit competitive quotes as provided in ORS 279C.414 before making the award.
- (h) A public improvement contract that the Department of Transportation awards to a qualified small business under the small business development program described in ORS 184.906. The

department may choose to award a public improvement contract described in this paragraph competitively or using other selection methods that comply with the policies set forth in ORS 279A.015.

(2) Subject to subsection (4)(b) and (c) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt a public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts from the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section after the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board approves the following findings that the contracting agency submits or, if a state agency is not the contracting agency, that the state agency that is seeking the exemption submits:

(a) The exemption is unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding public improvement contracts or substantially diminish competition for public improvement contracts.

(b) Awarding a public improvement contract under the exemption will likely result in substantial cost savings and other substantial benefits to the contracting agency or the state agency that seeks the exemption or, if the contract is for a public improvement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), to the contracting agency or the public. In approving a finding under this paragraph, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board shall consider the type, cost and amount of the contract and, to the extent applicable to the particular public improvement contract or class of public improvement contracts, the following:

(A) How many persons are available to bid;

(B) The construction budget and the projected operating costs for the completed public improvement;

(C) Public benefits that may result from granting the exemption;

(D) Whether value engineering techniques may decrease the cost of the public improvement;

(E) The cost and availability of specialized expertise that is necessary for the public improvement;

(F) Any likely increases in public safety;

(G) Whether granting the exemption may reduce risks to the contracting agency, the state agency or the public that are related to the public improvement;

(H) Whether granting the exemption will affect the sources of funding for the public improvement;

(I) Whether granting the exemption will better enable the contracting agency to control the impact that market conditions may have on the cost of and time necessary to complete the public improvement;

(J) Whether granting the exemption will better enable the contracting agency to address the size and technical complexity of the public improvement;

(K) Whether the public improvement involves new construction or renovates or remodels an existing structure;

(L) Whether the public improvement will be occupied or unoccupied during construction;

(M) Whether the public improvement will require a single phase of construction work or multiple phases of construction work to address specific project conditions; and

(N) Whether the contracting agency or state agency has, or has retained under contract, and will use contracting agency or state agency personnel, consultants and legal counsel that have necessary expertise and substantial experience in alternative contracting methods to assist in developing the alternative contracting method that the contracting agency or state agency will use to award the public improvement contract and to help negotiate, administer and enforce the terms of the public improvement contract.

(c) As an alternative to the finding described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, if a contracting agency or state agency seeks an exemption that would allow the contracting agency or state agency to use an alternative contracting method that the contracting agency or state agency has not previously used, the contracting agency or state agency may make a finding that identifies the project as a pilot project for which the contracting agency or state agency intends to determine whether using the alternative contracting method actually results in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency, to the state agency or, if the contract is for a public improvement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), to the contracting agency or the public. The contracting agency or state agency shall include an analysis and conclusion regarding actual cost savings, if any, in the evaluation required under ORS 279C.355.

(3) In making findings to support an exemption for a class of public improvement contracts, the contracting agency or state agency shall clearly identify the class using the class's defining characteristics. The characteristics must include a combination of project descriptions or locations, time periods, contract values, methods of procurement or other factors that distinguish the limited and related class of public improvement contracts from the agency's overall construction program. The agency may not identify a class solely by funding source, such as a particular bond fund, or by the method of procurement, but shall identify the class using characteristics that reasonably relate to the exemption criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) In granting exemptions under subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board shall:

(a) If appropriate, direct the use of alternative contracting methods that take account of market realities and modern practices and are consistent with the public policy of encouraging competition.

(b) Require and approve or disapprove written findings by the contracting agency or state agency that support awarding a particular public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts, without the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section. The findings must show that the exemption of a contract or class of contracts complies with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(c) Require a contracting agency or state agency that procures construction manager/general contractor services to conduct the procurement in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

(5)(a) A contracting agency or state agency ~~shall~~may hold a public hearing before approving the findings required by subsection (2) of this section and before the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board grants an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement for a public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts.

(b) Notification of ~~the public hearing~~ a proposed exemption under subsection (2) of this section must be published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation a minimum of 14 days before the ~~hearing date on which the contracting agency intends to take action to approve or disapprove the exemption.~~

(c) The notice must state that ~~in response to a written request,~~ the ~~contracting agency or state agency will hold a~~ public hearing ~~is~~ for the purpose of taking comments on the draft findings for an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement. ~~At the time of the notice, copies of the draft findings must be made available to the public. At the option of the contracting agency or state agency, the notice may describe the process by which the findings are finally adopted and may indicate the opportunity for further public comment.~~

(d) ~~At the~~ (d) If the contracting agency or state agency conducts a public hearing, the contracting agency or state agency shall offer an opportunity for any interested party to appear and comment.

(e) If a contracting agency or state agency must act promptly because of circumstances beyond the agency's control that do not constitute an emergency, notification of the ~~public hearing~~proposed exemption may be published simultaneously with the agency's solicitation of contractors for the alternative public contracting method, as long as responses to the solicitation are due at least five days after the ~~hearing and approval of the findings~~agency intends to take action to approve or disapprove the proposed exemption.

(6) The purpose of an exemption is to exempt one or more public improvement contracts from competitive bidding requirements. The representations in and the accuracy of the findings, including any general description of the resulting public improvement contract, are the bases for approving the findings and granting the exemption. The findings may describe anticipated features of the resulting public improvement contract, but the final parameters of the contract are those characteristics or specifics announced in the solicitation document.

(7) A public improvement contract awarded under the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section may be amended only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(8) A public improvement contract that is excepted from the competitive bidding requirement under subsection (1)(a), (c), (d), (e), ~~(f)~~ or ~~(fg)~~ of this section is not subject to the exemption requirements of subsection (2) of this section. [2003 c.794 §103; 2003 c.794 §§104,105a; 2005 c.103 §§12,13,14; 2005 c.625 §§58,59,60; 2007 c.70 §§69,70,71; 2007 c.764 §§14,15,17; 2013 c.522 §8; 2021 c.127 §1; 2021 c.630 §49a; 2023 c.127 §3; 2023 c.469 §2]

Port Rule C.335 Findings; Contracts for Energy Savings Performance Projects

(a) Findings

If a particular factor set forth in 279C.335(2)(b) does not apply to the public improvement contract for which an exemption is sought, the Port of Portland contract review board does not need to consider that factor, and the Port is not required to address the factor, other than to explain why the factor does not apply to the contract.

(b) Contracts for Energy Savings Performance Projects

Pursuant to ORS 279C.335 (1) (f), the Port may enter into energy savings performance contracts without following the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279C. "Energy savings performance contract" means a public contract between a contracting agency and a qualified energy service company for the identification, evaluation, recommendation, design and construction of energy conservation measures, including a design-build contract, that guarantee energy savings or performance. The Port may award an energy savings performance contract through a method of contracting determined by the Manager of Contracts & Procurement, after an analysis of the proposed project and the likelihood of obtaining competitive proposals, to be most advantageous to the Port. The method of award may include without limitation a competitive proposal process, a competitive negotiation process, or direct negotiation with a qualified energy service company, provided that direct negotiation will not be used if there are two or more qualified energy service companies ready and willing to timely provide the particular goods and services required by the Port at a reasonable price. If less than 50 percent of the estimated cost of the proposed energy savings performance project is for a public improvement, the Port may enter into the contract under the rules governing personal service contracts set forth in Port Contracting Rule B.500. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to preclude the Port from awarding an energy savings performance contract through competitive bidding if the Manager of Contracts & Procurement determines that competitive bidding would be most advantageous to the Port.

279C.337 Procurement of constructions manager/general contractor services. (1) A contracting agency that intends to procure construction manager/general contractor services shall procure the construction manager/general contractor services in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

(2) A contracting agency shall, in documents the contracting agency uses to procure construction manager/general contractor services:

(a) Describe the criteria the contracting agency will use to evaluate proposals for the construction manager/general contractor services the contracting agency seeks and what weight the contracting agency will give each criterion in the evaluation;

(b) Describe how the contracting agency will use interviews in the contracting agency's procurement and how the contracting agency will evaluate information the contracting agency obtains from interviews, if the contracting agency uses interviews in the procurement;

(c) Describe any other criteria the contracting agency may consider in selecting a construction manager/general contractor;

(d) Describe how the contracting agency will combine scoring from the interviews, from evaluating the proposals and from other criteria specified in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection to arrive at a proposer's final score and ranking;

(e) State that any savings the construction manager/general contractor realizes in performing the public improvement contract will accrue to the contracting agency, unless the public improvement contract provides otherwise;

(f) Specify terms and conditions that govern how the fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price set forth in the public improvement contract will be determined and whether the price includes or is based on unit pricing or allows for work that is constructed in phases;

(g) State that the contracting agency will not pay any amount that exceeds a fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price specified in the public improvement contract unless the amount results from material changes to the scope of work set forth in the public improvement contract and the parties to the public improvement contract agree in writing to the material changes;

(h) State that the contracting agency will conduct the procurement in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3); and

(i) Specify deadlines and time periods for the procurement that allow prospective contractors a reasonable opportunity to submit proposals, including but not limited to:

(A) The date and time by which the contracting agency must receive proposals;

(B) The dates on which or the time periods during which the contracting agency will conduct interviews, if the contracting agency will conduct interviews for the procurement;

(C) The date by which the contracting agency plans to indicate an intent to award the public improvement contract; and

(D) The time period during which the contracting agency will meet with proposers that the contracting agency did not select for the public improvement contract, if a proposer requests a meeting to discuss the procurement.

(3) By the earlier of the date on which a contracting agency and a construction manager/general contractor agree on a fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price or the date on which the construction manager/general contractor begins to solicit offers for construction services from subcontractors, the public improvement contract that the contracting agency negotiates with the construction manager/general contractor must:

(a) Describe the methods the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select subcontractors. The methods must be competitive and should provide prospective

subcontractors with a reasonable opportunity to participate in the construction manager/general contractor's qualification and selection process.

(b) Identify the portions of the construction work under the public improvement contract for which the construction manager/general contractor may waive the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and describe:

(A) How the construction manager/general contractor may determine the portions of the construction work that will not be subject to the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(B) The process the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select prospective subcontractors for the portions of the construction work that are not subject to the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) Identify the conditions under which the construction manager/general contractor or an affiliate or subsidiary of the construction manager/general contractor may perform or compete with other prospective subcontractors to perform construction work under the public improvement contract and describe the methods the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select an affiliate or subsidiary to perform the construction work.

(d) Describe how the construction manager/general contractor will announce which prospective subcontractors the construction manager/general contractor has selected to perform construction services in connection with the public improvement contract.

(e) Describe the conditions under which the construction manager/general contractor will discuss the qualification and selection process described in this subsection with a prospective subcontractor that the construction manager/general contractor did not select for a subcontract if the construction manager/general contractor receives a request from the prospective subcontractor to discuss the process.

(4) As used in this section, "savings" means a positive difference between a fixed price, a guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price set forth in a public improvement contract and the actual cost of the work, including costs for which a contracting agency reimburses a construction manager/general contractor and fees or profits the construction manager/general contractor earns. [2013 c.522 §3]

Port Rule C.337 Contracts for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services

Pursuant to ORS 279C.337(1), the Port of Portland will procure construction manager/general contractor services in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

279C.340 Contract negotiations. If a public improvement contract is competitively bid and all responsive bids from responsible bidders exceed the contracting agency's cost estimate, the contracting agency, in accordance with rules adopted by the contracting agency, may negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, prior to awarding the contract, in order to solicit value engineering and other options to attempt to bring the contract within the contracting agency's cost estimate. A negotiation with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder under this section may not result in the award of the contract to that bidder if the scope of the project is significantly changed from the original bid proposal. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the records of a bidder used in contract negotiation under this section are not subject to public inspection until after the negotiated contract has been awarded or the negotiation process has been terminated. [2003 c.794 §106]

Port Rule C.340 **Negotiations When All Bids Exceed Estimate**

Pursuant to ORS 279C.340, the Port of Portland may negotiate with the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid if all responsive bids from responsible bidders exceed the Port's cost estimate. If a written cost estimate was not prepared prior to bidding, the amount budgeted for the public improvement contract shall be deemed the Port's cost estimate for purposes of this rule. The Port may negotiate under this rule only if the Port has determined that it would not be in the Port's best interest to reject all bids or otherwise cancel or modify the procurement in accordance with applicable Port Contracting Rules.

279C.345 Specifications for contracts; exemptions. (1) Specifications for public improvement contracts may not expressly or implicitly require any product by any brand name or mark, nor the product of any particular manufacturer or seller unless the product is exempt under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt certain products or classes of products from subsection (1) of this section upon any of the following findings:

(a) It is unlikely that the exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public improvement contracts or substantially diminish competition for public improvement contracts;

(b) The specification of a product by brand name or mark, or the product of a particular manufacturer or seller, would result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency;

(c) There is only one manufacturer or seller of the product of the quality required; or

(d) Efficient utilization of existing equipment or supplies requires the acquisition of compatible equipment or supplies. [2003 c.794 §107; 2007 c.764 §19]

Port Rule C.345 **Specification of Particular Products**

(a) Generally

The Port of Portland may expressly or implicitly require a particular product by brand name, trade name, manufacturer, or seller as an abbreviated means of specifying the Port's needs, in which case offerors may substitute equivalent products. The invitation to bid or request for proposals may require substitutions to be approved by the Port prior to the submission of offers; otherwise substitutions are allowed after contract award, if they are approved by the Port. The Port's determination of whether a substitute product is equivalent is in the Port's sole discretion. This provision does not apply to products or classes of products that are exempt under ORS 279C.345(2).

(b) Brand Name Exemptions

Pursuant to the delegation of authority in Port Contract Review Board Rule No. 10, the Port may expressly or implicitly require a particular product by brand name, trade name, manufacturer or seller and disallow any substitution of named product when the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement's designee, determines in writing that doing so meets the requirements of ORS 279C.345(2). Brand Name Exemptions shall be effective only for the period of time designated in the written determination, whereupon a new determination of the applicability of this rule must be made. Determinations of exemptions under ORS 279C.345(2) shall be available for public inspection upon request.

279C.350 Exemption procedure; appeal.

(3) Any person except the contracting agency or anyone representing the contracting agency may bring an action for writ of review under ORS chapter 34 to test the validity of an exemption granted under ORS 279C.335 or 279C.345 by a local contract review board. [2003 c.794 §108; 2003 c.794 §109; 2007 c.764 §20]

[no Port rule]

279C.355 Evaluation of public improvement projects not contracted by competitive bidding. (1) Upon completion of and final payment for any public improvement contract, or class of public improvement contracts, in excess of \$100,000 for which the contracting agency did not use the competitive bidding process, the contracting agency shall prepare and deliver to the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the local contract review board or, for public improvement contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation an evaluation of the public improvement contract or the class of public improvement contracts.

(2) The evaluation must include but is not limited to the following matters:

(a) The actual project cost as compared with original project estimates;

(b) The amount of any guaranteed maximum price;

(c) The number of project change orders issued by the contracting agency;

(d) A narrative description of successes and failures during the design, engineering and construction of the project; and

(e) An objective assessment of the use of the alternative contracting process as compared to the findings required by ORS 279C.335.

(3) The evaluations required by this section:

(a) Must be made available for public inspection; and

(b) Must be completed within 30 days of the date the contracting agency accepts:

(A) The public improvement project; or

(B) The last public improvement project if the project falls within a class of public improvement contracts. [2003 c.794 §111; 2003 c.794 §112; 2007 c.764 §§22,23]

Port Rule C.355 Evaluation

(1) The purpose of this evaluation is to determine whether it was actually in the Port of Portland's best interest to use an alternative contracting method in which the competitive bidding process was not used. For purposes of ORS 279C.355(2)(e), the assessment should compare the actual alternative contracting process to the original findings issued at the time the exemption from competitive bidding was issued.

(2) The evaluation must be completed within 30 days of the date the Port grants "final acceptance" of the public improvement project, as defined in the applicable public improvement contract.

(3) The evaluation must be delivered to the Port's Contract Review Board at the next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting after the evaluation is completed. The evaluation may be included as part of the Executive Director's Report, or may be delivered as the Executive Director may otherwise deem appropriate.

Solicitation; Contract Award; Rejection

279C.360 Requirement for public improvement advertisements. (1) An advertisement for public improvement contracts must be published at least once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the contract is to be performed and in as many additional issues and publications as the contracting agency may determine. The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation, by rule or order, may authorize advertisements for public improvement contracts to be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation if the director or board determines that electronic advertisements are likely to be cost-effective. If the public improvement contract has an estimated cost in excess of \$125,000, the advertisement must be published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation. The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board may, by rule or order, require an advertisement to be published more than once or in one or more additional publications.

(2) All advertisements for public improvement contracts must state:

- (a) The public improvement project;
- (b) The office where the specifications for the project may be reviewed;
- (c) The date that prequalification applications must be filed under ORS 279C.430 and the class or classes of work for which bidders must be prequalified if prequalification is a requirement;
- (d) The date and time after which bids will not be received, which must be at least five days after the date of the last publication of the advertisement;
- (e) The name and title of the person designated for receipt of bids;
- (f) The date, time and place that the contracting agency will publicly open the bids; and
- (g) If the contract is for a public works subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.). [2003 c.794 §114; 2005 c.103 §14a; 2007 c.844 §1]

Port Rule C.360 *Competitive Sealed Bidding*

(1) Advertisement

(a) The Port of Portland shall advertise invitations to bid in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Portland metropolitan region, unless the estimated contract cost exceeds \$125,000, in which case the Port shall advertise the invitation in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation. The Port shall also advertise invitations to bid on the Port's website using an online vendor bidding system. If the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determine that limiting the posting of the notice for invitations to bid solely by electronic means is cost effective to the Port, and the public improvement contract has an estimated cost of \$125,000 or less, then publishing the notice in a newspaper may be waived.

(b) The notice shall be posted at least 7 days prior to the date the invitations to bid are due, unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a shorter time period is necessary and in the Port's best interest.

(2) Distribution of Solicitation Documents

The Port may distribute solicitation documents by any commercially reasonable means, including without limitation use of an online vendor bidding system, other electronic means, fax, or express mail, as the Port may determine in its sole discretion under the circumstances. The Port may, but is not obligated to, deliver a solicitation document by other more costly means if a particular prospective offeror pays the additional cost.

(3) Prospective Bidders and Proposers Lists

A prospective bidder or proposer for a particular procurement is responsible for ensuring that its correct name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information have been effectively and accurately communicated to the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division for inclusion on the list of prospective bidders or proposers for that procurement. The Port endeavors to include on the list for a particular procurement each prospective bidder or proposer to which a solicitation document is issued by the Contracts and Procurement Division. Prospective bidders or proposers who obtain solicitation documents from other sources, such as plan centers, are not automatically added to the list, and must contact the Port to be added. Listed prospective bidders and proposers are responsible for immediately notifying the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division in writing of any changes in name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information.

(4) Bidder's Responsibilities

While the Port endeavors to provide all known solicitation holders with all the available information and documentation necessary to provide a responsive bid, through notice of document availability by mail or electronic means, the Port cannot guarantee that such notice will be delivered to or read by solicitation holders in a timely manner. Bidders are therefore responsible for ensuring they have received all necessary information to provide a responsive bid, including without limitation all bid documents, addenda, plans, attachments, exhibits, etc., prior to submitting a bid.

279C.365 Requirements for solicitation documents and bids and proposals. (1) A contracting agency that prepares solicitation documents for a public improvement contract shall, at a minimum, include in the solicitation documents:

- (a) A designation for or description of the public improvement project;
- (b) The office where the specifications for the project may be reviewed;
- (c) The date that prequalification applications must be filed under ORS 279C.430 and the class or classes of work for which bidders must be prequalified if prequalification is a requirement;
- (d) The date and time after which bids will not be received, which must be at least five days after the date of the last publication of the advertisement, and may, in the sole discretion of the contracting agency, direct or permit bidders to submit and the contracting agency to receive bids by electronic means;
- (e) The name and title of the person designated to receive bids;
- (f) The date on which and the time and place at which the contracting agency will publicly open the bids;
- (g) A statement that, if the contract is for a public works project subject to the state prevailing rates of wage under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the federal prevailing rates of wage under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) or both the state and federal prevailing rates of wage, the contracting agency will not receive or consider a bid unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder that the bidder will comply with ORS 279C.838 or 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.;
- (h) A statement that each bid must identify whether the bidder is a resident bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120;
- (i) A statement that the contracting agency may reject a bid that does not comply with prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b), and that the contracting agency may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest;
- (j) Information addressing whether a contractor or subcontractor must be licensed under ORS 468A.720; and

(k) A statement that the contracting agency may not receive or consider a bid for a public improvement contract unless the bidder is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board or the State Landscape Contractors Board.

(2) A contracting agency may provide solicitation documents by electronic means.

(3) A bid made to the contracting agency under ORS 279C.335 or 279C.400 must be:

(a) In writing;

(b) Filed with the person the contracting agency designates to receive bids; and

(c) Opened publicly by the contracting agency immediately after the deadline for submitting bids.

(4) After the contracting agency opens the bids, the contracting agency shall make the bids available for public inspection.

(5) A bidder shall submit or post a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured institution as defined in ORS 706.008, cashier's check or certified check for all bids as bid security unless the contracting agency has exempted the contract for which the bidder submits a bid from this requirement under ORS 279C.390. The security may not exceed 10 percent of the amount bid for the contract.

(6) Subsection (5) of this section applies only to public improvement contracts with a value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000 or, in the case of contracts for highways, bridges and other transportation projects, more than \$50,000. [2003 c.794 §115; 2005 c.103 §15; 2007 c.764 §25; 2007 c.844 §2; 2009 c.368 §1]

Port Rule C.365 *Competitive Bidding*

(1) Prebid and Proposal Conferences

(a) Generally

The Port of Portland may hold a prebid or preproposal conference to allow a site inspection and to hear and respond to questions. If the time and place of a prebid or preproposal conference are not stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals, all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division shall be notified of the time and place. Notification may be by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, telephone, fax, or in writing, at the Port's option.

(b) Mandatory

The Port may require attendance at a prebid or preproposal conference as a condition precedent to the submission of a bid or proposal. The Port may refuse to open or may reject as nonresponsive a bid from a bidder who failed to attend a mandatory prebid conference, and may refuse to open or decline to evaluate a proposal from a proposer who failed to attend a mandatory preproposal conference. The Port may, but is not obligated to, arrange for a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference if requested by one or more prospective bidders or proposers who were unable to attend a scheduled, mandatory prebid or preproposal conference for a reason determined by the Port to be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. If a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference is arranged, all prospective bidders or proposers on the Contracts and Procurement Division's list shall be notified in advance and allowed to attend.

(c) Limited Effect

Statements and other information from Port employees at a prebid or preproposal conference do not effect any change in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals, or the contracts that may arise from them. Changes in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals may be effected only by a written addendum issued by the Port. Bidders and proposers may rely only upon the invitation

to bids or the request for proposals, with any changes made by addendum, to establish all of the procurement requirements and all contract provisions other than those established by the bid or proposal.

(d) Change Requests

A prospective bidder or proposer who wants to propose a change to the invitation to bid or the request for proposals should submit a written request, even if the change was requested during a prebid or preproposal conference. The request should be submitted in accordance with any instructions in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals. If the Port fails to respond to a change request made during a prebid or preproposal conference, or to a written change request, the request shall be deemed denied. If the Port responds to a change request, the response may be in the form of an addendum issued to all prospective bidders or proposers, with no specific response to the requestor.

(2) Addenda

(a) Requirement

A solicitation document may be changed only by a written addendum issued by the Port. When an addendum is required, it shall be issued to all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained for the procurement in question by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division.

(b) Acknowledgment Required

A bidder or proposer must timely acknowledge in writing receipt of all addenda issued by the Port. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may cause a bid to be rejected as nonresponsive, and may cause a proposal to be considered outside the competitive range or to be determined after evaluation to be inferior to other proposals that included acknowledgment of receipt of the addendum. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum most often will be part of the bid or proposal, but may be separate from the bid or proposal, and need not be sealed. The Port shall accept a written acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum by any commercially reasonable means, including but not limited to the Port's online vendor bidding system, fax, or email. Submission of such an acknowledgment is timely only if it is received by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals.

(c) Distribution and Receipt

Addenda may be distributed by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, U.S. mail, fax, hand delivery, or other commercially reasonable means. Failure to receive an addendum to a solicitation does not excuse failure to acknowledge receipt of the addendum, even if the failure to receive was through no fault of the prospective bidder or proposer, and even if the failure to receive was the fault of the Port. The Port, in its sole discretion, may extend a bid opening to allow a bidder or proposer time to acknowledge receipt of an addendum.

(3) Method of Submitting Offers

(a) Generally

Bids must be submitted in writing on the form provided by the Port or a reasonable facsimile. Bids may not be submitted by fax or other electronic means unless expressly directed or permitted by the invitation to bid. A bid shall be considered timely submitted if it is delivered to the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or the Manager's designee by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid.

(b) Timeliness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are timely. The Port may decline to consider a late offer, even if the offer is late because of a delay in the Port's internal handling of mail or documents or because the Port's receiving equipment was unavailable.

(c) Completeness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are received by the Port in a complete, legible, ungarbled form. The Port may decline to consider an offer that is incomplete, illegible, or garbled, even if the problem is caused by the Port's hardware or software.

(d) Electronic Submission

Offers submitted electronically must bear a facsimile signature, provided that the requirement for a facsimile signature is excused when an electronic quotation is properly submitted in lieu of an oral quotation, or when the solicitation document expressly authorizes electronic data interchange, e-mail, or another electronic submission method by which facsimile signatures generally cannot be transmitted. A solicitation document expressly authorizing electronic submission of offers may specify methods for establishing the authenticity of offers.

(4) Bid Withdrawal

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may withdraw its bid without consequence. The withdrawal must be by someone with the necessary authority, and must be a signed writing.

(5) Bid Modification

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may modify its bid in writing. A bidder shall prepare and submit any modification to its bid to the Port in the manner provided under Port Rule B.055(9), unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document. Any modification must include the bidder's statement that the modification amends and supersedes the prior bid. The bidder shall mark the submitted modification as follows:

(a) Bid (or Proposal) Modification; and

(b) Solicitation Number (or other identification as specified in the solicitation document).

(6) Receipt and Recording of Offers; Confidentiality of Offers

The Port shall electronically or mechanically time-stamp or hand-mark each Offer and any modification upon receipt. The Port shall not open the Offer or modification upon receipt, but shall maintain it as confidential and secure until Opening. If the Port inadvertently opens an Offer or a modification prior to the Opening, the Port shall return the Offer or modification to its secure and confidential state until Opening. The Port shall document the resealing for the Procurement file (e.g. "Port inadvertently opened the Offer due to improper identification of the Offer").

(7) Bid Opening

(a) Bids shall be opened in a place designated by the Port that is open to the public at the time bids are opened. The Port may change the location of bid opening at any time. The time for opening bids may be postponed at any time for the Port's convenience or if the Port determines that postponement would be in the Port's best interest. A bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated orally or by a posted sign to anyone who appears at the previously designated time and place for the bid opening. If time permits, a bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated to all prospective bidders on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division. Such communication shall be made using the Port's online

vendor bidding system, other electronic means (including fax), mail, or any other commercially reasonable method. A bid opening postponement or relocation need not be communicated by addendum.

(b) Electronic Bid Opening

When the Port has specifically directed or permitted electronic bidding using an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, the Port may open bids electronically using such means. In such event, bids will be deemed to be opened publicly when bidder and bid information is made available to the public electronically using such means.

(c) Availability for Inspection

Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, bids shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(8) Bid Evaluation and Clarification

(a) Evaluation

Opened bids shall be evaluated in accordance with applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. When a bid is determined to be unresponsive to the invitation to bid, it will not be evaluated further. Bidders who submit responsive bids shall be evaluated for responsibility under applicable statutes, these Contracting Rules, and the invitation to bid.

(b) Clarification

In evaluating bids, the Port may seek information from a bidder to clarify its bid. Such clarification shall not vary, contradict or supplement the bid. The bidder must submit written and signed clarifications and such clarifications shall become part of the bidder's bid.

(9) Bid Errors

(a) Errors of Judgment

A bid may not be corrected or withdrawn for an error in judgment. If a bidder is awarded a public contract and refuses to promptly and properly execute the public contract because of an error in judgment, the bidder's bid security must be forfeited under ORS 279C.385(2).

(b) Minor Informalities

The Port may waive or permit a bidder to correct a minor informality. A minor informality is either a matter of form rather than substance that is evident on the face of the bid, or an insignificant mistake that can be waived without prejudice to other bidders. For example, failure to sign the bid in the designated block on the bid form is a minor informality if a signature appears on the bid bond or somewhere else in the bid evidencing an intent to be bound by the bid.

(c) Clerical Errors

A clerical error is an error in drafting the bid, and may include without limitation typographical errors, arithmetic errors, and transposition and other errors in transferring numbers from work sheets to the bid form. If a clerical error is apparent on the face of the bid and the correction also is apparent on the face of the bid, the Port shall correct the error before evaluating bids. A discrepancy between a unit price and an extended bid item price is a clerical error and shall be corrected by giving precedence to the unit price. If an error not apparent on the face of the bid is brought to the Port's attention, the bidder may submit evidence to establish that the error is a clerical error. If it is clear from the face of the bid or from evidence submitted by the bidder that an error is a clerical error, rather than an error in judgment, but the correction of the error is not

apparent on the face of the bid, the bidder may either withdraw its bid without forfeiting its bid security under ORS 279C.385(2), or agree to proceed with the public contract as bid, without correcting the error. If the bidder takes neither of those actions, the Port shall reject the bid as non-responsive. A bidder may not correct a clerical error if the correction is not apparent on the face of the bid.

(10) Irrevocability of Offers

(a) Generally

All bids received by the Port for a particular public contract become binding offers when the deadline for receipt of bids passes, and remain irrevocable for 30 calendar days after opening unless a different period is specified in the invitation to bid.

(b) Extensions and Reinstatements

An offeror may extend the period of irrevocability of its offer by giving the Port a written extension specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may reinstate an offer (unchanged) after the expiration of the period of irrevocability by giving the Port a written reinstatement specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may not "extend" or "reinstate" an offer that differs in any material respect from the original; a purported extension or reinstatement of a materially differing offer amounts to a new offer.

(11) Tied Low Bids or Quotations

(a) Generally

If (1) low bids or quotations are tied, (2) the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and (3) one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to that offeror in accordance with ORS 279A.120. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to one with principal offices or headquarters in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, and none has principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, or if two or more of them have principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots.

(b) Unequal Quality

If the fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by tied offerors are not otherwise equal, the contract shall be awarded to the offeror determined by the Port to offer the superior goods or services.

279C.370 First-tier subcontractor disclosure. (1)(a) Within two working hours after the date and time of the deadline when bids are due to a contracting agency for a public improvement contract, a bidder shall submit to the contracting agency a disclosure of the first-tier subcontractors that:

(A) Will be furnishing labor or will be furnishing labor and materials in connection with the public improvement contract; and

(B) Will have a contract value that is equal to or greater than five percent of the total project bid or \$15,000, whichever is greater, or \$350,000 regardless of the percentage of the total project bid.

(b) For each contract to which this subsection applies, the contracting agency shall designate a deadline for submission of bids that has a date on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and a time between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., except that this paragraph does not apply to public contracts for maintenance or construction of highways, bridges or other transportation facilities.

(c) This subsection applies only to public improvement contracts with ~~an estimated~~ value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000.

(d) This subsection does not apply to public improvement contracts that have been exempted from competitive bidding requirements under ORS 279C.335 (2).

(2) The disclosure of first-tier subcontractors under subsection (1) of this section must include the name of each subcontractor, the category of work that each subcontractor will perform and the dollar value of each subcontract. The information shall be disclosed in substantially the following form:

FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACTOR
DISCLOSURE FORM

PROJECT NAME: _____

BID #: _____

BID CLOSING: Date: _____ Time: _____

This form must be submitted at the location specified in the Invitation to Bid on the advertised bid closing date and within two working hours after the advertised bid closing time.

List below the name of each subcontractor that will be furnishing labor or will be furnishing labor and materials and that is required to be disclosed, the category of work that the subcontractor will be performing and the dollar value of the subcontract. Enter "NONE" if there are no subcontractors that need to be disclosed. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.)

NAME	DOLLAR VALUE	CATEGORY OF WORK
1)	\$	
2)	\$	
3)	\$	
4)	\$	

Failure to submit this form by the disclosure deadline will result in a nonresponsive bid. A nonresponsive bid will not be considered for award.

Form submitted by (bidder name): _____

Contact name: _____

Phone no.: _____

(3) A contracting agency shall accept the subcontractor disclosure. The contracting agency shall consider the bid of any contractor that does not submit a subcontractor disclosure to the contracting agency to be a nonresponsive bid and may not award the contract to the contractor. A contracting agency is not required to determine the accuracy or the completeness of the subcontractor disclosure.

(4) After the bids are opened, the subcontractor disclosures must be made available for public inspection.

(5) A contractor may substitute a first-tier subcontractor under the provisions of ORS 279C.585.

(6) A subcontractor may file a complaint under ORS 279C.590 based on the disclosure requirements of subsection (1) of this section. [2003 c.794 §116; 2005 c.103 §16]

[no Port rule]

279C.375 Award and execution of contract; determination of responsibility of bidder; bonds; impermissible exclusions. (1) After a contracting agency has opened bids and determined that the contracting agency will award a public improvement contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) At least seven days before awarding a public improvement contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall issue to each bidder or post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of the contracting agency's intent to award a contract. This subsection does not apply to a contract to which competitive bidding does not apply under ORS 279C.335 (1)(c) or (d). The notice and the manner in which the notice is posted or issued must conform to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(3) In determining the lowest responsible bidder, a contracting agency shall do all of the following:

(a) Check the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227 for bidders who are not qualified to hold a public improvement contract.

(b) Determine whether the bidder is responsible. A responsible bidder must demonstrate to the contracting agency that the bidder:

(A) Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or has the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.

(B) Holds current licenses that businesses or service professionals operating in this state must hold in order to undertake or perform the work specified in the contract.

(C) Is covered by liability insurance and other insurance in amounts the contracting agency requires in the solicitation documents.

(D) Qualifies as a carrier-insured employer or a self-insured employer under ORS 656.407 or has elected coverage under ORS 656.128.

(E) Has made the disclosure required under ORS 279C.370.

(F) Completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance. For purposes of this subparagraph, a satisfactory record of performance means that to the extent that the costs associated with and time available to perform a previous contract remained within the bidder's control, the bidder stayed within the time and budget allotted for the procurement and otherwise performed the contract in a satisfactory manner. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's record of performance if the contracting agency finds under this subparagraph that the bidder is not responsible.

(G) Has a satisfactory record of integrity. The contracting agency in evaluating the bidder's record of integrity may consider, among other things, whether the bidder has previous criminal convictions for offenses related to obtaining or attempting to obtain a contract or subcontract or in connection with the bidder's performance of a contract or subcontract. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's record of integrity if the contracting agency finds under this subparagraph that the bidder is not responsible.

(H) Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.

(I) Possesses an unexpired certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167, if the bidder employs 50 or more full-time workers and submitted a bid for a procurement with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$500,000 in response to an advertisement or solicitation from a state contracting agency.

~~(J)~~ (J) Has agreed in the bid or proposal to be bound by the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract, if the public improvement contract is a community benefit contract.

(K) Supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility. If a bidder fails to promptly supply information concerning responsibility that the contracting agency requests, the contracting agency shall determine the bidder's responsibility based on available information, or may find that the bidder is not responsible.

(c) Document the contracting agency's compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection in substantially the following form:

RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATION FORM

Project Name: _____

Bid Number: _____

Business Entity Name: _____

CCB License Number: _____

Form Submitted By (Contracting Agency): _____

Form Submitted By (Contracting Agency Representative's Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(The contracting agency must submit this form with attachments, if any, to the Construction Contractors Board within 30 days after the date of contract award.)

The contracting agency has (check all of the following):

- Checked the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227 for bidders who are not qualified to hold a public improvement contract.
- Determined whether the bidder has met the standards of responsibility. In so doing, the contracting agency has found that the bidder demonstrated that the bidder:
 - Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.
 - Holds current licenses that businesses or service professionals operating in this state must hold

- in order to undertake or perform the work specified in the contract.
- Is covered by liability insurance and other insurance in amounts required in the solicitation documents.
- Qualifies as a carrier-insured employer or a self-insured employer under ORS 656.407 or has elected coverage under ORS 656.128.
- Has disclosed the bidder's first-tier subcontractors in accordance with ORS 279C.370.
- Has a satisfactory record of performance.
- Has a satisfactory record of integrity.
- Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.
- Possesses a certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167.

Agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract if the public contract is a community benefit contract.

Has supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility.

Determined the bidder to be (check one of the following):

Responsible under ORS 279C.375 ~~(3)(a) and (b).~~

(3)(a) and (b).

Not responsible under ORS 279C.375 (3)(a) and (b).

(Attach documentation if the contracting agency finds the bidder not to be responsible.)

(d) Submit the form described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, with any attachments, to the Construction Contractors Board within 30 days after the date the contracting agency awards the contract.

(4) The successful bidder shall:

(a) Promptly execute a formal contract; and

(b) Execute and deliver to the contracting agency a performance bond and a payment bond when required under ORS 279C.380.

(5) Based on competitive bids, a contracting agency may award a public improvement contract or may award multiple public improvement contracts when specified in the invitation to bid.

(6) A contracting agency may not exclude a commercial contractor from competing for a public contract on the basis that the license issued by the Construction Contractors Board is endorsed as a level 1 or level 2 license. As used in this section, “commercial contractor” has the meaning given that term in ORS 701.005. [2003 c.794 §117; 2005 c.103 §§17,18; 2005 c.376 §1; 2007 c.764 §§26,27; 2007 c.836 §§42,43; 2009 c.880 §§9,9a; 2015 c.454 §5; [2021 c.488 §3](#)]

Port Rule C.375 Award of Contracts

(1) “Responsible bidder” or “responsible proposer” means a person who meets the standards of responsibility described in ORS 279C.375(3)(b).

(2) “Responsive bid” or “responsive proposal” means a bid or proposal that substantially complies with the invitation to bid or request for proposals and all prescribed procurement procedures and requirements.

279C.380 Performance bond; payment bond; waiver of bonds. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279C.390, a successful bidder for a public improvement contract shall promptly execute and deliver to the contracting agency the following bonds:

(a) A performance bond in an amount equal to the full contract price conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and conditions of the contract. The performance bond must be solely for the protection of the contracting agency that awarded the contract and any public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded. If the public improvement contract is with a single person to provide both design and construction of a public improvement, the obligation of the performance bond for the faithful performance of the contract required by this paragraph must also be for the preparation and completion of the design and related services covered under the contract. Notwithstanding when a cause of action, claim or demand accrues or arises, the surety is not liable after final completion of the contract, or longer if provided for in the contract, for damages of any nature, economic or otherwise and including corrective work, attributable to the design aspect of a design-build project, or for the costs of design revisions needed to implement corrective work. A contracting agency may waive the requirement of a performance bond. A contracting agency may permit the successful bidder to submit a cashier’s check or certified check in lieu of all or a portion of the required performance bond.

(b) A payment bond in an amount equal to the full contract price, solely for the protection of claimants under ORS 279C.600.

(2) If the public improvement contract is with a single person to provide construction manager/general contractor services, in which a guaranteed maximum price may be established by an amendment authorizing construction period services following preconstruction period services, the contractor shall provide the bonds required by subsection (1) of this section upon execution of an amendment establishing the guaranteed maximum price. The contracting agency shall also require the contractor to provide bonds equal to the value of construction services authorized by any early work amendment in advance of the guaranteed maximum price amendment. Such bonds must be provided before construction starts.

(3) Each performance bond and each payment bond must be executed solely by a surety company or companies holding a certificate of authority to transact surety business in this state. The bonds may not constitute the surety obligation of an individual or individuals. The performance and payment bonds must be payable to the contracting agency or to the public agency

or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded, as specified in the solicitation documents, and shall be in a form approved by the contracting agency.

(4) In cases of emergency, or when the interest or property of the contracting agency or the public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded probably would suffer material injury by delay or other cause, the requirement of furnishing a good and sufficient performance bond and a good and sufficient payment bond for the faithful performance of any public improvement contract may be excused, if a declaration of such emergency is made in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(5) This section applies only to public improvement contracts with a value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000 or, in the case of contracts for highways, bridges and other transportation projects, more than \$50,000. [2003 c.794 §118; 2005 c.103 §20; 2013 c.522 §9]

[no Port rule]

279C.385 Return or retention of bid security. ~~(1) Upon the execution of a public improvement contract and delivery of a good and sufficient performance bond and a good and sufficient payment bond by the successful bidder, the bid security of the successful bidder shall be returned to the bidder.~~ (1) A contracting agency shall return the bid security of the successful bidder to the bidder after the bidder:

(a) Executes the public improvement contract; and

(b) Delivers a good and sufficient performance bond, a good and sufficient payment bond and any required proof of insurance.

(2) A bidder who is awarded a contract and who fails promptly and properly to execute the contract and to deliver the performance bond, the payment bond and the proof of insurance, when bonds or insurance are required, shall forfeit the bid security that accompanied the successful bid. The bid security shall be taken and considered as liquidated damages and not as a penalty for failure of the bidder to execute the contract and deliver the bonds and proof of insurance.

(3) The contracting agency may return the bid security of unsuccessful bidders to them when the bids have been opened and the contract has been awarded, and may not retain the bid security after the contract has been duly signed. [2003 c.794 §119; 2005 c.103 §21]

Port Rule C.385 Return of Bid Security

The Port of Portland may provide in its solicitation documents for the return of bid security documentation under ORS 279C.385 by a written statement of release only, without physically returning such documentation to the offeror unless the offeror specifically requests return.

279C.390 Exemption of contracts from bid security and bonds. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt certain contracts or classes of contracts from all or a portion of the requirement for bid security and from all or a portion of the requirement that good and sufficient bonds be furnished to ensure performance of the contract and payment of obligations incurred in the performance.

(2) The contracting agency may require bid security and a good and sufficient performance bond, a good and sufficient payment bond, or any combination of such bonds, even though the public improvement contract is of a class exempted under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) *** [2003 c.794 §120; 2003 c.794 §120a; 2007 c.764 §28]

[no Port rule]

279C.395 Rejection of bids. A contracting agency may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may, for good cause, reject all bids upon a finding of the contracting agency it is in the public interest to do so. In any case where competitive bids are required and all bids are rejected, and the proposed project is not abandoned, new bids may be called for as in the first instance. [2003 c.794 §121]

Port Rule C.395 *Rejection of Bids; Cancellation of Solicitations; Disposition of Bids; Creation of a Contract*

(1) Rejection of Bids for Good Cause in the Public Interest

The Port of Portland may reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279C.395 for good cause if the Port finds that rejection is in the public interest. Situations where good cause is sufficient to warrant rejection of all bids include but are not limited to: (1) competition is unnecessarily restricted because of the content of or an error in the solicitation document or the solicitation process; (2) all offered prices are too high or all offered performance is insufficient to meet the Port's needs; (3) ambiguous or misleading provisions in the solicitation document, or misconduct or error, threaten the fairness and integrity of the competitive process; and (4) events other than legitimate market forces threaten the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

(2) Cancellation of Solicitations

(a) Cancellation in the Public Interest. The Port may cancel a solicitation for good cause if the Port finds that cancellation is in the public interest. The Port's reasons for cancellation shall be made part of the solicitation file.

(b) Notice of Cancellation. If the Port cancels a solicitation prior to bid opening, the Port shall provide notice of cancellation to all identified bidders. Such notice of cancellation shall:

(i) Identify the solicitation;

(ii) Briefly explain the reason for cancellation; and

(iii) If applicable, explain that an opportunity will be given to compete on any resolicitation.

(3) Disposition of Bids

(a) Prior to Bid Opening. If the Port cancels a solicitation prior to bid opening, the Port shall return all bids it received to bidders unopened, provided the bidder submitted its bid in a hard copy format with a clearly visible return address. If there is no return address on the envelope, the Port shall open the bid to determine the source and then return it to the bidder.

(b) After Bid Opening. If the Port rejects all bids, the Port shall retain all such bids as part of the Port's solicitation file.

(4) Creation of a Contract

A bid constitutes an offer by the bidder to perform the work described in the invitation to bid. The bid of a successful bidder is incorporated into a contract document which the bidder is required to sign. The Port does not accept a bid, and a contract does not otherwise come into existence, until the Port's authorized representative signs the contract document.

Competitive Proposals

279C.400 Competitive proposals; procedure. (1) When authorized or required by an exemption granted under ORS 279C.335, a contracting agency may solicit and award a public improvement contract, or may award multiple public improvement contracts when specified in the request for proposals, by requesting and evaluating competitive proposals. A contract awarded under this section may be amended only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 279C.330 to 279C.355, 279C.360 to 279C.390, 279C.395 and 279C.430 to 279C.450, competitive proposals shall be subject to the following requirements of competitive bidding:

(a) Advertisement under ORS 279C.360;

(b) Requirements for solicitation documents under ORS 279C.365;

(c) Disqualification due to a Construction Contractors Board listing as described in ORS 279C.375 (3)(a);

(d) Contract execution and bonding requirements under ORS 279C.375 and 279C.380;

(e) Determination of responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b);

(f) Rejection of bids under ORS 279C.395; and

(g) Disqualification and prequalification under ORS 279C.430, 279C.435 and 279C.440.

(3) For the purposes of applying the requirements listed in subsection (2) of this section to competitive proposals, when used in the sections listed in subsection (2) of this section, “bids” includes proposals, and “bid documents” and “invitation to bid” include requests for proposals.

(4) Competitive proposals are not subject to the following requirements of competitive bidding:

(a) First-tier subcontractor disclosure under ORS 279C.370; and

(b) Reciprocal preference under ORS 279A.120.

(5) The contracting agency may require proposal security that serves the same function with respect to proposals as bid security serves with respect to bids under ORS 279C.365 (5) and 279C.385, as follows:

(a) The contracting agency may require proposal security in a form and amount as may be determined to be reasonably necessary or prudent to protect the interests of the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency shall retain the proposal security if a proposer who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract and provide any required bonds or insurance.

(c) The contracting agency shall return the proposal security to all proposers upon the execution of the contract, or earlier in the selection process.

(6) In all other respects, and subject to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, references in this chapter to invitations to bid, bids or bidders shall, to the extent practicable within the proposal process, be deemed equally applicable to requests for proposals, proposals or proposers. However, notwithstanding ORS 279C.375 (1), a contracting agency may not be required to award a contract advertised under the competitive proposal process based on price, but may award the contract in accordance with ORS 279C.410 (8). [2003 c.794 §129; 2005 c.103 §23; 2007 c.764 §29]

Port Rule C.400 Competitive Proposals

(1) Generally. The use of competitive proposals to award a public improvement contract must be specially authorized under a competitive bidding exception or exemption provided under ORS 279C.335, 279A.030, or 279A.100. If a public improvement contract is excepted or exempt from competitive bidding, then it will be awarded through competitive proposals.

(2) Applicability of Port of Portland Contracting Rule C.365 to Competitive Proposals

Port Rule C.365 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term “proposal” may be substituted for the word “bid” when a rule from Port Rule C.365 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(9), Bid Errors, the following rule applies:

Proposal Errors

Unless there is limiting language in the request for proposals, errors in proposals may be corrected at any time prior to the deadline for the Port's receipt of best and final offers, or, if best and final offers are not invited or allowed, the beginning of the Port's final evaluation of proposals.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(10), Irrevocability of Offers, the following rule applies:

Proposal Modification

The proposer may not modify its proposal without the prior written consent of the Port.

(3) Addenda Issued after Proposal Opening. If the Port issues an addendum after proposals are opened, the Port shall provide sufficient time for proposers to supplement their proposals, if necessary, based on the changes provided in the addendum. Less than five days may be allowed for proposal supplementation if the changes made by the addendum do not require extensive analysis or action on the part of the affected proposers.

279C.405 Requests for information, interest or qualifications; requirements for requests for proposals. (1) A contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest, a request for qualifications or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in the preparation or distribution of a request for proposals.

(2) In addition to the general requirements of ORS 279C.365, a contracting agency preparing a request for proposals shall include:

(a) All required contractual terms and conditions. The request for proposals also may:

(A) Identify those contractual terms or conditions the contracting agency reserves, in the request for proposals, for negotiation with proposers;

(B) Request that proposers propose contractual terms and conditions that relate to subject matter reasonably identified in the request for proposals; and

(C) Contain or incorporate the form and content of the contract that the contracting agency will accept, or suggested contract terms and conditions that nevertheless may be the subject of negotiations with proposers.

(b) The method of contractor selection, which may include but is not limited to award without negotiation, negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, multiple-tiered competition designed either to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers, or any combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(c) All evaluation factors that will be considered by the contracting agency when evaluating the proposals, including the relative importance of price and any other evaluation factors. [2003 c.794 §130; 2007 c.764 §30]

[no Port rule]

279C.410 Receipt of proposals; evaluation and award. (1) Notwithstanding the public records law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478:

(a) Proposals may be opened so as to avoid disclosure of contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation.

(b) Proposals are not required to be open for public inspection until after the notice of intent to award a contract is issued.

(2) For each request for proposals, the contracting agency shall prepare a list of proposals.

(3) Notwithstanding any requirement to make proposals open to public inspection after the contracting agency's issuance of notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.~~501~~345, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.~~502~~355, that are contained in a proposal. The fact that proposals are opened at a public meeting as defined in ORS 192.610 does not make their contents subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body opening the proposals fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals. If a request for proposals is canceled after proposals are received, the contracting agency may return a proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation.

(4) As provided in the request for proposals, a contracting agency may conduct discussions with proposers who submit proposals the agency has determined to be closely competitive or to have a reasonable chance of being selected for award. The discussions may be conducted for the purpose of clarification to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements. The contracting agency shall accord proposers fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. Revisions of proposals may be permitted after the submission of proposals and before award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, the contracting agency may not disclose information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

(5) When provided for in the request for proposals, the contracting agency may employ methods of contractor selection including but not limited to award based solely on the ranking of proposals, negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, multiple-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers, or any combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. When applicable, in any instance in which the contracting agency determines that impasse has been reached in negotiations with a highest ranked proposer, the contracting agency may terminate negotiations with that proposer and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

(6) The cancellation of requests for proposals and the rejection of proposals shall be in accordance with ORS 279C.395.

(7) At least seven days before the award of a public improvement contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall issue to each proposer or post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of intent to award.

(8) If a public improvement contract is awarded, the contracting agency shall award a public improvement contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the contracting agency based on the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals and, when applicable, the outcome of any negotiations authorized by the request for proposals. Other factors may not be used in the evaluation. [2003 c.794 §131; 2005 c.103 §24; 2007 c.764 §31]

Port Rule C.410 Competitive Proposals

(1) Applicability of Port of Portland Contracting Rule C.365 to competitive proposals

Port Rule C.365 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term “proposal” may be substituted for the word “bid” when a rule from Port Rule C.365 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(7), Bid Opening, the following rule applies:

Proposal Opening

The Port may open proposals at any time. There is no requirement for proposals to be opened in public. Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, proposals shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(8) Bid Evaluation, the following rule applies:

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals shall be evaluated based upon the evaluation criteria established by the request for proposals. Changes in evaluation criteria shall be communicated to all proposers or prospective proposers by addendum. If evaluation criteria are changed after proposals have been submitted, all proposers shall have an opportunity to supplement their proposals or submit best and final offers after receipt of the addendum changing the evaluation criteria.

(2) Competitive Range

The Port shall have discretion in the manner in which a competitive range is defined for a specific procurement. Generally, the competitive range will be defined as a natural “break” in evaluation scores between a higher scoring group of proposers and a lower scoring group of proposers. The number of proposers within a competitive range may not be defined prior to evaluation of proposals.

(3) Selection Method

(a) The Port shall have discretion in the method used to select the most advantageous contractor, including but not necessarily limited to negotiation with the highest-ranked proposer, competitive, simultaneous negotiations with one or more proposers, multi-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower-ranked proposers, or any combination of methods.

(b) The request for proposals may, but is not required to, define the selection method to be used for the specific procurement or class of procurements.

279C.412 Competitive quotes for intermediate procurements. (1) A public improvement contract estimated by the contracting agency not to exceed \$100,000 may be awarded in accordance with intermediate procurement procedures for competitive quotes established by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$100,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A procurement may not be artificially divided or fragmented so as to constitute an intermediate procurement under this section or to circumvent competitive bidding requirements under this chapter.

(3) Intermediate procurements under this section need not be made through competitive bidding. However, nothing in this section may be construed as prohibiting a contracting agency from conducting a procurement that does not exceed \$100,000 under competitive bidding procedures. [2003 c.794 §132; 2007 c.764 §32]

Port Rule C.412 Intermediate Procurements

The Port of Portland may follow the requirements of ORS 279C.414 and the procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement for the award of public improvement contracts estimated not to exceed \$100,000, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines it is in the best interests of the Port.

279C.414 Requirements for competitive quotes. (1) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 to govern competitive quotes shall require the contracting agency to seek at least three informally solicited competitive price quotes from prospective contractors. The contracting agency shall keep a written record of the sources and amounts of the quotes received. If three quotes are not reasonably available, fewer will suffice, but in that event the contracting agency shall make a written record of the effort made to obtain the quotes.

(2) If a contract is to be awarded by competitive quotes, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the prospective contractor whose quote will best serve the interests of the contracting agency, taking into account price as well as any other applicable factors such as, but not limited to, experience, specific expertise, availability, project understanding, contractor capacity and responsibility. If an award is not made to the prospective contractor offering the lowest price quote, the contracting agency shall make a written record of the basis for award. [2003 c.794 §133]

[no Port rule]

Prequalification and Disqualification

279C.430 Prequalification of bidders; rules. (1) A contracting agency or, if appropriate, a local contract review board, may adopt a rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation requiring mandatory prequalification for all persons desiring that permits or requires a prospective bidder or proposer to bid prequalify for public improvement contracts that are to be let by, including community benefit contracts, for which the contracting agency intends to conduct a procurement. The rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation authorized by this section must include the time for submitting prequalification applications and a general description of the type and nature of the contracts that may be let for which the contracting agency intends to conduct a procurement. The prequalification application must be in writing on a standard form prescribed under the authority of ORS 279A.050.

_____ (2) ~~When~~If a contracting agency or local contract review board permits or requires prequalification of bidders, a person who wishes to prequalify shall submit a prequalification application to the contracting agency on a standard form prescribed under subsection (1) of this section. Within 30 days after ~~receipt of~~receiving a prequalification application, the contracting agency shall investigate the applicant as necessary to determine if the applicant is qualified. The determination ~~shall~~must be made in less than 30 days, if practicable, if the applicant requests an early decision to allow the applicant as much time as possible to prepare a bid on a contract that ~~has been~~the contracting agency advertised. In making ~~its~~the determination, the contracting agency shall consider only the applicable standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279C.375 (3)(b). The agency shall promptly notify the applicant whether or not the applicant is qualified.

_____ (3) If the contracting agency finds that the applicant is qualified, the notice must state the nature and type of contracts ~~that for which~~ the ~~person is qualified to~~ prospective contractor may submit a bid or proposal and the period of time for which the qualification is valid under the contracting agency's rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation. If the contracting agency finds the applicant is not qualified as to any contracts covered by the rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation, the notice must specify the reasons found under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) for not prequalifying the applicant and inform the applicant of the right to a hearing under ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450.

_____ (4) If a contracting agency has reasonable cause to believe that ~~there has been~~ a substantial change has taken place in the conditions of a prequalified person and that because of the substantial change the person is no longer qualified or is less qualified, the agency may revoke or may revise and reissue the prequalification after reasonable notice to the prequalified person. The notice shall state the reasons found under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) for revocation or revision of the prequalification of the person and inform the person of the right to a hearing under ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450. A revocation or revision does not apply to any public improvement contract for which publication of an advertisement, in accordance with ORS 279C.360, commenced before the date the notice of revocation or revision was received by the prequalified person. [2003 c.794 §123; 2005 c.103 §25; 2021 c.488 §4]

[no Port rule]

279C.435 Effect of prequalification by Department of Transportation or Oregon Department of Administrative Services. If a person is prequalified with the Department of Transportation or with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the person is rebuttably presumed qualified with any other contracting agency for the same kind of work. When qualifying for the same kind of work with another contracting agency, the person may submit proof of the prequalification in lieu of a prequalification application as required by ORS 279C.430. [2003 c.794 §128]

[no Port rule]

279C.440 Disqualification from consideration for award of contracts. (1)(a) A contracting agency may disqualify a person from consideration for award of the contracting agency's contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section after providing the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(b) In lieu of the disqualification process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, a contracting agency contracting for a public improvement may petition the Construction Contractors Board to disqualify a person from consideration for award of the contracting agency's public improvement contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section. The Construction Contractors Board shall provide the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(c) A contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board may not disqualify a person under this section for a period of more than three years.

(2) A person may be disqualified from consideration for award of a contracting agency's contracts for any of the following reasons:

(a) The person has been convicted of a criminal offense as an incident in obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.

(b) The person has been convicted under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently, seriously and directly affects the person's responsibility as a contractor.

(c) The person has been convicted under state or federal antitrust statutes.

(d) The person has committed a violation of a contract provision that is regarded by the contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board to be so serious as to justify disqualification. A violation may include but is not limited to a failure to perform the terms of a contract or an unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of the contract. However, a failure to perform or an unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor may not be considered to be a basis for disqualification.

(e) The person does not carry workers' compensation or unemployment insurance as required by statute.

(3) A contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board shall issue a written decision to disqualify a person under this section. The decision shall:

(a) State the reasons for the action taken; and

(b) Inform the disqualified person of the appeal right of the person under:

(A) ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450 if the decision to disqualify was issued by a contracting agency; or

(B) ORS chapter 183 if the decision to disqualify was issued by the Construction Contractors Board.

(4) A copy of the decision issued under subsection (3) of this section must be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the disqualified person. [2003 c.794 §122]

[no Port rule]

279C.445 Appeal of disqualification. Any person who wishes to appeal disqualification shall, within three business days after receipt of notice of disqualification, notify the contracting agency that the person appeals the disqualification. Immediately upon receipt of the notice of appeal:

(1) A state contracting agency shall notify the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(2) All contracting agencies other than state contracting agencies shall notify the appropriate local contract review board. [2003 c.794 §124]

[no Port rule]

279C.450 Appeal procedure for decision to deny, revoke or revise prequalification; hearing; costs; judicial review. (1) An appeal from a contracting agency's disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification is subject to the procedures set forth in this section and is not subject to ORS chapter 183 except when specifically provided in this section.

(2) Promptly upon receiving notice of appeal from a contracting agency as provided in ORS 279C.445, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board shall notify the person appealing and the contracting agency of the time and place of the hearing. The director or board shall conduct the hearing and decide the appeal within 30 days after receiving the notification from the contracting agency unless the person appealing and the contracting agency mutually agree to a different period of time. The director or board shall set forth in writing the reasons for the decision.

(3) In the hearing the director or board shall consider de novo the notice of disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification, the reasons listed in ORS 279C.440 (2) on which the contracting agency based the disqualification or the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) on which the contracting agency based the denial, revocation or revision of the prequalification and any evidence provided by the parties. In all other respects, a hearing before the director shall be conducted in the same manner as a contested case under ORS 183.417 (1) to (4) and (7), 183.425, 183.440, 183.450 and 183.452.

(4) The director may allocate the director's cost for the hearing between the person appealing and the contracting agency whose disqualification or prequalification decision is being appealed. The director shall base the allocation upon facts the director finds in the record and states in the final order that, in the director's opinion, warrant such allocation of the costs. If the final order does not allocate the director's costs for the hearing, the costs must be paid as follows:

(a) If the director upholds the decision to disqualify or deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person, the person appealing the disqualification or prequalification decision shall pay the director's costs.

(b) If the director reverses the decision to disqualify or deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person, the contracting agency whose disqualification or prequalification decision is the subject of the appeal shall pay the director's costs.

(5) The decision of the director or board may be reviewed only upon a petition, filed within 15 days after the date of the decision, in the circuit court of the county in which the director or board has the director's or the board's principal office. The circuit court shall reverse or modify the decision only if the court finds:

(a) The decision was obtained through corruption, fraud or undue means.

(b) There was evident partiality or corruption on the part of the director or board or any of the members of the board.

(c) There was an evident material miscalculation of figures or an evident material mistake in the description of a person, thing or property referred to in the decision.

(6) The procedure provided in this section is the exclusive means of judicial review of the decision of the director or board. The judicial review provisions of ORS 183.480, the writs of review and mandamus, as provided in ORS chapter 34, and other legal, declaratory and injunctive remedies are not available.

(7) The circuit court may, in the court's discretion, stay the letting of the contract that is the subject of the petition in the same manner as the court may issue a stay in a suit in equity. If the court determines that an improper disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification occurred and the contract has been let, the court may proceed to take evidence to determine the damages, if any, the petitioner suffered and award such damages as the court may find as a judgment against the director or board. The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §125; 2005 c.103 §26; 2007 c.288 §13; 2009 c.149 §1]

[no Port rule]

Remedies

279C.460 Action by or on behalf of adversely affected bidder or proposer; exception for personal services contract. (1) Any bidder or proposer adversely affected or any trade association of construction contractors acting on behalf of a member of the association to protect interests common to construction contractor members may commence an action in the circuit court for the county where the principal offices of a contracting agency are located, for the purpose of requiring

compliance with, or prevention of violations of, ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 or to determine the applicability of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 to matters or decisions of the contracting agency.

(2) The court may order such equitable relief as the court considers appropriate in the circumstances. In addition to or in lieu of any equitable relief, the court may award an aggrieved bidder or proposer any damages suffered by the bidder or proposer as a result of violations of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 for the reasonable cost of preparing and submitting a bid or proposal. A decision of the contracting agency may not be voided if other equitable relief is available.

(3) If the contracting agency is successful in defending the contracting agency's actions against claims of violation or potential violation of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470, the court may award to the aggrieved contracting agency any damages suffered as a result of the court action.

(4) The court may order payment of reasonable attorney fees and costs on trial and on appeal to a successful party in an action brought under this section.

(5) This section does not apply to personal services contracts under ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125. [2003 c.794 §134; 2007 c.764 §33]

Port Rule C.460 Protests

(a) Applicability

This rule applies only to protests of the Port of Portland's solicitation or award of public improvement contracts under ORS Chapter 279C, unless another protest procedure is set forth in the procurement document for the public improvement contract. Port Contracting Rule B.400 applies to protests of the Port's solicitation or award of (i) public contracts under ORS Chapter 279B; and (ii) personal services contracts under Port Contracting Rule B.500 or ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125.

(b) Written Protest Required

If an offeror or prospective offeror wishes to object to any aspect of a Port procurement to which this rule applies, the offeror or prospective offeror ("protester") may file a written protest with the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement. The protest must include all grounds for the protest, and all supporting evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits.

(c) Timeliness

A protest must be filed promptly as soon as the protester knows of the grounds for the protest, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were apparent on the face of the solicitation document, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days before the date by which bids or proposals must be submitted, or such other date as may be provided for in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were not apparent until contract award, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days after the protester knew or should have known of the Port's intent to award the contract, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document.

(d) Written Decision

The Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement shall issue a written decision in response to a protest.

(e) Discretionary Meeting

The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may, but is not required to, schedule a meeting with the protester prior to issuing a written decision. The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may invite other Port staff to the meeting, and, in the case of a procurement involving a Port evaluation team, may invite one or more members of the evaluation team to the meeting.

(f) Appeal and Final Administrative Action

If the protester disagrees with the written decision issued by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, the protester may appeal in writing to the Port's Executive Director. The written appeal must be received by the Executive Director's office within five business days after the protester's receipt of the written decision by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. The Executive Director may decline to consider a late appeal. The written appeal must include all legal arguments and all evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits. The Executive Director shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal, and that written decision shall be the Port's final administrative action with respect to the protest.

(g) Port Not Required to Delay Process During Protest

The Port may proceed with the procurement after denial of protest or denial of appeal, including without limitation award and execution of the contract and commencement of the work thereunder.

279C.465 Action against successful bidder; amount of damages; when action to be commenced; defenses. (1) Any person that loses a competitive bid or proposal for a contract involving the construction, repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, rehabilitation, replacement or renovation of a building or structure may bring an action for damages against another person who is awarded the contract for which the bid or proposal was made if the person making the losing bid or proposal can establish that the other person knowingly violated ORS 279C.840, 656.017, 657.505, 701.021 or 701.026 while performing the work under the contract, or knowingly failed to pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167.

(2) A person bringing an action under this section must establish a violation of ORS 279C.840, 316.167, 656.017, 657.505, 701.021 or 701.026 by a preponderance of the evidence.

(3) Upon establishing that the violation occurred, the person shall recover, as liquidated damages, 10 percent of the total amount of the contract or \$5,000, whichever is greater.

(4) In any action under this section, the prevailing party is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees.

(5) An action under this section must be commenced within two years of the substantial completion of the construction, repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, rehabilitation, replacement or renovation. For the purposes of this subsection, "substantial completion" has the meaning given that term in ORS 12.135.

(6) A person may not recover any amounts under this section if the defendant in the action establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the plaintiff:

(a) Was in violation of ORS 701.021 or 701.026 at the time of making the bid or proposal on the contract;

(b) Was in violation of ORS 316.167, 656.017 or 657.505 with respect to any employees of the plaintiff as of the time of making the bid or proposal on the contract; or

(c) Was in violation of ORS 279C.840 with respect to any contract performed by the plaintiff within one year before making the bid or proposal on the contract at issue in the action. [2003 c.794 §135; 2007 c.836 §44]

[no Port rule]

279C.470 Compensation for contractor on contract declared void by court; exceptions; applicability. (1) If a court determines that a public improvement contract is void because the contracting agency letting the contract failed to comply with any statutory or regulatory competitive bidding or other procurement requirements, and the contractor entered into the contract without intentionally violating the laws regulating public improvement contracts, then, unless the court determines that substantial injustice would result, the contractor is entitled to reimbursement for work performed under the contract as follows:

(a) If the work under the public improvement contract is substantially complete, the contracting agency shall ratify the contract.

(b) If the work under the public improvement contract is not substantially complete, the contracting agency shall ratify the contract and the contract shall be deemed terminated. Upon termination, the contractor shall be paid in accordance with ORS 279C.660, unless the court determines that payment under ORS 279C.660 would be a substantial injustice to the contracting agency or the contractor, in which case the contractor shall be paid as the court deems equitable.

(c) For the purposes of this section, a ratified contract shall be deemed valid, binding and legally enforceable, and the contractor's payment and performance bonds shall remain in full force and effect.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if a court determines that a public improvement contract is void as a result of fraudulent or criminal acts or omissions of the contractor or of both the contracting agency letting the contract and the contractor, the contractor is not entitled to reimbursement for work performed under the contract.

(3) This section does not apply to a public improvement contract if:

(a) The contracting agency's employee that awarded the public improvement contract did not have the authority to do so under law, ordinance, charter, contract or agency rule; or

(b) Payment is otherwise prohibited by Oregon law.

(4) The contractor and all subcontractors under a public improvement contract are prohibited from asserting that the public improvement contract is void for any reason described in this section. [2003 c.794 §136]

[no Port rule]

Construction Contracts Generally

Required Contract Conditions

279C.500 "Person" defined. As used in ORS 279C.500 to 279C.530, unless the context otherwise requires, "person" includes the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation and the Department of Revenue. [2003 c.794 §137]

[no Port rule]

279C.505 Conditions concerning payment, contributions, liens, withholding, drug testing. (1) Every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall:

(a) Make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying to the contractor labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

(b) Pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from the contractor or subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract.

(c) Not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof, on account of any labor or material furnished.

(d) Pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167.

(2) In addition to the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section, every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall demonstrate that an employee drug testing program is in place. [2003 c.794 §138; 2005 c.103 §27]

[no Port rule]

279C.510 Demolition contracts to require material salvage; lawn and landscape maintenance contracts to require composting or mulching. (1) Every public improvement contract for demolition shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to salvage or recycle construction and demolition debris, if feasible and cost-effective.

(2) Every public improvement contract for lawn and landscape maintenance shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to compost or mulch yard waste material at an approved site, if feasible and cost-effective. [2003 c.794 §139]

[no Port rule]

279C.515 Conditions concerning payment of claims by public officers, payment to persons furnishing labor or materials and complaints. (1) Every public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay promptly a person's claim for labor or services that the person provides to the contractor or a subcontractor in connection with the public improvement contract as the claim becomes due, the proper officer that represents the state or a county, school district, municipality or municipal corporation or a subdivision of the state, county, school district, municipality or municipal corporation may pay the amount of the claim to the person that provides the labor or services and charge the amount of the payment against funds due or to become due the contractor by reason of the contract.

(2) Every public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor or a first-tier subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay a person that provides labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract within 30 days after receiving payment from the contracting agency or a contractor, the contractor or first-tier subcontractor owes the person the amount due plus interest charges that begin at the end of the 10-day period within which payment is due under ORS 279C.580 (4) and that end upon final payment, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580. The rate of interest on the amount due is nine percent per annum. The amount of interest may not be waived.

(3) Every public improvement contract and every contract related to the public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor or a subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay a person that provides labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract, the person may file a complaint with the Construction Contractors Board, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580.

(4) Paying a claim in the manner authorized in this section does not relieve the contractor or the contractor's surety from obligation with respect to an unpaid claim. [2003 c.794 §140; 2005 c.103 §28; 2012 c.4 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.520 Condition concerning hours of labor; compliance with pay equity provisions; employee discussions of rate of pay or benefits. (1) Every public contract subject to this chapter must provide that:

(a) A contractor may not employ an employee for more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity, emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires otherwise, and in such cases, except in cases of contracts for personal services as defined in ORS 279C.100, the contractor shall pay the employee at least time and a half pay for:

(A)(i) All overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(ii) All overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(B) All work the employee performs on Saturday and on any legal holiday specified in ORS 279C.540.

(b) The contractor shall comply with the prohibition set forth in ORS 652.220, that compliance is a material element of the contract and that a failure to comply is a breach that entitles the contracting agency to terminate the contract for cause.

(c) The contractor may not prohibit any of the contractor's employees from discussing the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person and may not retaliate against an employee who discusses the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person.

(2) A contractor shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(3) A public contract for personal services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, must provide that the contractor shall pay the contractor's employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for all overtime the employees work in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for employees under a personal services public contract who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(4) A public contract for services at a county fair, or for another event that a county fair board authorizes, must provide that the contractor shall pay employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week. A contractor shall notify employees who work under the public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(5)(a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a public contract for services must provide that the contractor shall pay employees at least time and a half pay for work the employees perform under the public contract on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in ORS 279C.540 (1)(b)(B) to (G) and for all time the employees work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) A contractor shall notify in writing employees who work on a public contract for services, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work. [2003 c.794 §141; 2005 c.103 §29; 2015 c.454 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.525 Provisions concerning environmental and natural resources laws; remedies. (1)

Solicitation documents for a public improvement contract shall make specific reference to federal, state and local agencies that have enacted ordinances, rules or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources that affect the performance of the contract. If the successful bidder awarded the project is delayed or must undertake additional work by reason of existing ordinances, rules or regulations of agencies not cited in the public improvement contract or due to the enactment of new or the amendment of existing statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources occurring after the submission of the successful bid, the contracting agency may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use nonagency forces already under contract with the contracting agency;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services under the competitive bid requirements of this chapter; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

(2) In addition to the obligation imposed under subsection (1) of this section to refer to federal, state and local agencies with ordinances, rules or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources, a solicitation document must also make specific reference to known conditions at the construction site that may require the successful bidder to comply with the ordinances, rules or regulations identified under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If the successful bidder encounters a condition not referred to in the solicitation documents, not caused by the successful bidder and not discoverable by a reasonable prebid visual site inspection, and the condition requires compliance with the ordinances, rules or regulations referred to under subsection (1) of this section, the successful bidder shall immediately give notice of the condition to the contracting agency.

(4) Except in the case of an emergency and except as may otherwise be required by any environmental or natural resource ordinance, rule or regulation, the successful bidder may not commence work nor incur any additional job site costs in regard to the condition encountered and described in subsection (3) of this section without written direction from the contracting agency.

(5) Upon request by the contracting agency, the successful bidder shall estimate the emergency or regulatory compliance costs as well as the anticipated delay and costs resulting from the encountered condition. This cost estimate shall be promptly delivered to the contracting agency for resolution.

(6) Within a reasonable period of time following delivery of an estimate under subsection (5) of this section, the contracting agency may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use nonagency forces already under contract with the contracting agency;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services under the competitive bid requirements of this chapter; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

(7)(a) If the contracting agency chooses to terminate the contract under subsection (1)(a) or (6)(a) of this section, the successful bidder shall be entitled to all costs and expenses incurred to the date of termination, including overhead and reasonable profits, on the percentage of the work completed. The contracting agency shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when

making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor.

(b) If the contracting agency causes work to be done by another contractor under subsection (1)(c) or (e) or (6)(c) or (e) of this section, the initial contractor may not be held liable for actions or omissions of the other contractor.

(c) The change order under subsection (1)(f) or (6)(f) of this section shall include the appropriate extension of contract time and compensate the contractor for all additional costs, including overhead and reasonable profits, reasonably incurred as a result of complying with the applicable statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations. The contracting agency shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor.

(8) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (7) of this section, a contracting agency:

(a) May allocate all or a portion of the known environmental and natural resource risks to a contractor by listing such environmental and natural resource risks with specificity in the solicitation documents; and

(b) In a local improvement district, may allocate all or a portion of the known and unknown environmental and natural resource risks to a contractor by so stating in the solicitation documents. [2003 c.794 §142]

[no Port rule]

279C.527 Inclusion of amount for green energy technology or woody biomass energy technology in public improvement contract; written determination of appropriateness; conditions, exemptions and limitations; rules. (1) As used in this section and ORS 279C.528:

(a)(A) "Green energy technology" means a system that employs:

(i) Solar or geothermal energy directly for space or water heating or to generate electricity;

(ii) Building design that uses solar energy passively to reduce energy use from other sources by at least 10 percent from a level required under ORS 276.900 to 276.915 or achieved in buildings constructed according to state building code standards that the Department of Consumer and Business Services approves under ORS 455.496; or

(iii) Battery storage, if the battery storage is part of a system that generates electricity from solar or geothermal energy on the site of the public building.

(B) "Green energy technology" does not include a system that:

(i) Uses water, groundwater or the ground as a heat source at temperatures less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit, or less than 128 degrees Fahrenheit if the system is used for a public school building; or

(ii) Incorporates solar energy indirectly into other methods for generating energy, such as from the action of waves on water, from hydroelectric facilities or from wind-powered turbines.

(b)(A) "Public building" means a building that a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, owns or controls, and that is:

(i) Used or occupied by employees of the public body; or

(ii) Used for conducting public business.

(B) "Public building" does not include an airport, as defined in ORS 836.005.

(c)(A) "Total contract price" means all of the costs a contracting agency anticipates incurring in all contracts and subcontracts involved in constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building including design or architecture, engineering, transportation or environmental impact assessment and planning, construction management, labor, materials, land surveying and site preparation, demolition, hazardous material removal, required reinforcements or improvements to existing structures or appurtenant infrastructure, insurance, inspections and

certifications and, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, other costs the contracting agency would not incur but for the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of the public building.

(B) “Total contract price” does not include:

(i) Costs of advertising, soliciting, evaluating bids or proposals for or awarding a public contract;

(ii) Costs of moving contracting agency employees, equipment and furnishings from and to a public building;

(iii) Costs of locating, renting or leasing and preparing to occupy alternative facilities;

(iv) Ordinary operating costs for a public building during periods of reconstruction or renovation;

(v) Costs of storing equipment or furnishings at a site away from a public building;

(vi) Labor costs for employees of a contracting agency;

(vii) Direct costs that are solely for the purpose of retrofitting or improving a public building’s ability to withstand a seismic event; and

(viii) Costs that bear only a tenuous relationship to the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building.

(d)(A) “Woody biomass energy technology” means a system that, for space or water heating or as a combined heat and power system, uses a boiler with a lower heating value combustion efficiency of at least 80 percent and that uses as fuel material from trees and woody plants, such as limbs, tops, needles, leaves and other woody parts, that:

(i) Grows in a forest, a woodland, a farm, a rangeland or a wildland that borders on an urban area; and

(ii) Is a by-product of forest management, agriculture, ecosystem restoration or fire prevention or related activities.

(B) “Woody biomass energy technology” does not include a system that uses for fuel:

(i) Wood pieces that have been treated with creosote, pentachlorophenol, chromated copper arsenate or other chemical preservatives; or

(ii) Municipal solid waste.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a contracting agency that intends to enter into a public improvement contract with a total contract price of \$5 million or more for constructing a public building or for reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, if the cost of the reconstruction or major renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the public building, shall first make a determination under subsection (5) of this section as to whether green energy technology is appropriate for the public building.

(b) If a contracting agency determines that green energy technology is appropriate, the contracting agency shall ensure that the public improvement contract provides an amount equal to at least 1.5 percent of the total contract price for the purpose of including appropriate green energy technology as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of the public building.

(3)(a) A public improvement contract to construct, reconstruct or renovate a public building may provide for constructing green energy technology, other than battery storage, at a site that is located away from the site of the public building if:

(A) Constructing green energy technology away from the site of the public building and using the energy from the green energy technology at the site of the public building is more cost-effective, taking into account additional costs associated with transmitting generated energy to the site of the public building, than is constructing and using green energy technology at the site of the public building;

(B) The green energy technology that is located away from the site of the public building is located within this state and in the same county as, or in a county adjacent to, the site of the public building; and

(C) The public improvement contract provides that all of the moneys for constructing green energy technology away from the site of the public building must fund new energy generating capacity that does not replace or constitute a purchase and use of energy generated from green energy technology that:

(i) Employs solar energy and that existed on the date that the original building permit for the public building was issued; or

(ii) Employs geothermal energy and for which construction was completed before January 1, 2013.

(b) In evaluating whether a contracting agency can construct green energy technology, other than battery storage, at a site away from the site of the public building in accordance with paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, the contracting agency shall compare the costs of constructing green energy technology that employs a particular fuel source or method of energy generation at the site of the public building only with the corresponding costs of green energy technology that employs the same fuel source or method of energy generation at a location away from the site of the public building.

(4)(a) Of the amount that a contracting agency provides in a public improvement contract under subsection (2) of this section for the purpose of including green energy technology as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building, the contracting agency may expend as much as half or, if green energy technology is not appropriate for the public building, the entirety, as follows:

(A) If an analysis under subsection (5)(a)(B) of this section shows that the available total solar resource fraction at the site of the public building is 75 percent or less, the contracting agency may improve energy use efficiency in the public building by:

(i) Designing, engineering and constructing, reconstructing or renovating the public building to reduce or offset energy use in accordance with guidelines the State Department of Energy adopts by rule; or

(ii) Installing or preparing the public building for an installation of devices, technologies and other measures that reduce or offset energy use in accordance with guidelines the department adopts by rule.

(B) The contracting agency may include woody biomass energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation on the public building if the woody biomass energy technology creates new energy generation capacity that did not exist on the date on which the original building permit for the public building was issued, the contracting agency has considered the potential costs of the woody biomass energy technology and:

(i) The facility that uses woody biomass energy technology is located in an area of the state that complies with standards that the Department of Environmental Quality has adopted for emissions of particulate matter; or

(ii) The contracting agency demonstrates to the Department of Environmental Quality, if the facility that uses woody biomass energy technology is located in an area that does not comply with standards the department has adopted for emissions of particulate matter, that one of the following two conditions applies:

(I) The fuel that the woody biomass energy technology uses is pelletized; or

(II) The woody biomass energy technology produces particulate matter emissions at the same level as, or a lower level than, a functionally equivalent system that is capable of producing the same energy output and that uses fuel that is pelletized.

(b) Notwithstanding a contracting agency's demonstrations in accordance with subparagraph (B)(ii) of this paragraph, the Department of Environmental Quality may require additional emissions control technologies or specifications before the contracting agency may include woody biomass energy technology in the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building.

(5)(a) In making a written determination as to whether green energy technology is appropriate, or whether an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section is suitable as an addition to or an alternative to including green energy technology in constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, a contracting agency in the written determination shall:

(A) List the total contract price and specify the amount the agency intends to expend on including green energy technology or for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation.

(B) Show the results of an analysis of the total solar resource fraction available for use at the site on which the contracting agency intends to install green energy technology that uses solar energy for space or water heating or to generate electricity. The contracting agency may conclude that the green energy technology described in this subparagraph is appropriate if the total solar resource fraction exceeds 75 percent.

(b) The State Department of Energy shall develop a form that a contracting agency may use to prepare the written determination described in this subsection.

(6)(a) If a contracting agency determines that green energy technology is not appropriate for a public building, subsection (2) of this section does not apply to the public improvement contract, except that if the contracting agency determines that an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section is a suitable alternative, the contracting agency will make the determination specified in subsection (5) of this section for the alternative purpose. A contracting agency's determination under this paragraph must consider whether constructing green energy technology or making an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section at the site of the public building is appropriate and whether constructing green energy technology, other than battery storage, away from the site of the public building and in accordance with subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section, or making an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section away from the site of the public building, is appropriate.

(b) If subsection (2) of this section does not apply to the public improvement contract and the contracting agency does not choose to make an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section:

(A) The contracting agency shall expend an amount equal to at least 1.5 percent of the total contract price to include appropriate green energy technology or for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section as part of a future public building project; and

(B) The amount the contracting agency expends on the future public building project in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is in addition to any amount required under subsection (2) of this section for including appropriate green energy technology as part of the future public building project.

(7) A contracting agency may choose to consolidate in one public building, or in one location away from the site of the public building, all or a substantial portion of the green energy technology that the contracting agency would otherwise include as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of one or more other public buildings if:

(a) The total amount the contracting agency expends on green energy technology is an aggregate of all of the amounts that, under this section and ORS 279C.528, the contracting agency must expend on each of the public buildings that are part of the same project; and

(b) The project, taken as a whole, otherwise meets the requirements set forth in this section and ORS 279C.528.

(8)(a) A contracting agency need not set aside the amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section in an account or otherwise reserve moneys for a future public building at the time the contracting agency makes the determination described in subsection (5) of this section, but the contracting agency shall report the amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section to the State Department of Energy as provided in ORS 279C.528 (2).

(b) Subsection (6)(b) of this section does not apply to a public improvement contract for which state funds are not directly or indirectly used.

(9)(a) This section does not exempt an authorized state agency, as defined in ORS 276.905, from complying with ORS 276.900 to 276.915, except that an authorized state agency, without complying with ORS 276.900 to 276.915, may determine that green energy technology or an alternative technology described in subsection (4) of this section is appropriate to include as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building.

(b) A contracting agency may not use an amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section to comply with requirements set forth in ORS 276.900 to 276.915 or with a state building code standard that the Department of Consumer and Business Services approves under ORS 455.496.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 174.108 (3), this section applies to intergovernmental entities described in ORS 174.108 (3). [2007 c.310 §2; 2012 c.83 §1; 2013 c.612 §1; 2015 c.262 §1; 2015 c.424 §1; 2017 c.735 §1; 2019 c.160 §1]

Port Rule C.527 Determination of Appropriateness

The determination of appropriateness required under ORS 279C.527(5) will be based on written findings addressing, at minimum, the factors set forth in OAR 330-135-0045 and will be made by the Executive Director.

279C.528 State Department of Energy requirements and specifications; record keeping requirements; rules. (1) Each contracting agency, in soliciting, awarding and administering public improvement contracts that are subject to ORS 279C.527, is subject to rules the State Department of Energy adopts that include, but are not limited to, requirements, methods and specifications for:

- (a) Using particular green energy technologies in public improvements;
- (b) Determining the cost-effectiveness of green energy technologies;
- (c) Determining the total solar resource fraction that applies to a public building or to a site on which a contracting agency will construct green energy technology;
- (d) Including particular costs in the total contract price for a public building;
- (e) Improving energy use efficiency in a public building;
- (f) Submitting documents required under ORS 279C.527 to the department for review; and
- (g) Determining whether a structure is a public building subject to the requirements of ORS 279C.527.

(2)(a) Each contracting agency shall collect and maintain information concerning the contracting agency's compliance with ORS 279C.527, which must include, at a minimum:

(A) Records that show how the contracting agency expended moneys to include appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4);

(B) An identification of each public improvement contract for which the contracting agency expended moneys to include appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4);

(C) An identification of each public improvement contract for which the contracting agency determined that including green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, and that making an expenditure for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4), was not appropriate;

(D) The total amount the contracting agency would have expended on each public improvement contract identified in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph and the total aggregated amount that the contracting agency must expend to include green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a future public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4); and

(E) An identification of each public improvement contract that uses moneys the contracting agency did not expend on a previous public improvement contract for including appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4).

(b) Each contracting agency shall compile the information the contracting agency collected under paragraph (a) of this subsection and report the information to the department at times, in a manner and on forms that the department specifies by rule.

(c) The department shall:

(A) Compile and summarize the information the department receives under paragraph (b) of this subsection and, in the department's compilation and summary, specifically:

(i) Identify contracting agencies that have not complied with the requirements of ORS 279C.527 or the reporting requirements set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection;

(ii) Identify public improvement contracts for which contracting agencies have determined that including green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, and that making an expenditure for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4), was not appropriate; and

(iii) Identify public improvement contracts that use moneys a contracting agency did not expend on a previous public improvement contract on including appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4).

(B) Deliver annually to the Legislative Assembly, on or before the date on which each regular session of the Legislative Assembly begins, a report concerning contracting agency compliance with this section and ORS 279C.527 that includes the compilation and summary the department prepared under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. [2007 c.310 §3; 2012 c.83 §2; 2013 c.612 §2; 2015 c.424 §2; 2017 c.735 §2; 2019 c.160 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.530 Condition concerning payment for medical care and providing workers' compensation. (1) Every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, copartnership, association or corporation furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of the contractor, of all sums that the contractor agrees to pay for the services and all moneys and sums that the contractor collected or deducted from the wages of employees under any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for the services.

(2) Every public contract subject to this chapter shall contain a clause or condition that all subject employers working under the contract are either employers that will comply with ORS 656.017 or employers that are exempt under ORS 656.126. [2003 c.794 §143; 2005 c.103 §30]

[no Port rule]

279C.533 Condition concerning employment of apprentices to perform percentage of work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform on public improvements. *
* * [2017 c.416 §2; [2023 c.504 §1](#)]

[no Port rule]

279C.534 Advisory committee for monitoring implementation of apprenticeship condition in public improvement contracts. * * * [2017 c.416 §4]

[no Port rule]

279C.535 Condition concerning steel material; rules. The Department of ~~transportation~~[Transportation](#) shall adopt rules to require that public improvement contracts entered into by the department include a price escalation and de-escalation clause relating to steel material. As used in this section, “steel material” includes structural and reinforcing steel, steel studs, sheet piling, guardrail, ductile iron pipe and other steel products used for the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a road or highway. [2005 c.557 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.537 Condition concerning use of diesel engines in motor vehicles used in performing certain public improvement contracts; rules. * * * [2019 c.645 §18; [2023 c.497 §15](#)]

[no Port rule]

Hours of Labor

279C.540 Maximum hours of labor on public contracts; holidays; exceptions; liability to workers; rules. (1) When labor is employed by the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof through a contractor, a person may not be required or permitted to labor more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity or emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires it, in which event, the person so employed for excessive hours shall receive at least time and a half pay:

(a)(A) For all overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(B) For all overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(b) For all work performed on Saturday and on the following legal holidays:

(A) Each Sunday.

(B) New Year’s Day on January 1.

(C) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

(D) Independence Day on July 4.

(E) Labor Day on the first Monday in September.

(F) Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November.

(G) Christmas Day on December 25.

(2) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who perform work under subsection (1) of this section, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that employees may be required to work.

(3) For the purpose of this section, each time a legal holiday, other than Sunday, listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be recognized as a legal holiday. Each time a legal holiday listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as a legal holiday.

(4) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section do not apply to a public improvement contract or a contract for services if the contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement in effect with any labor organization.

(5) When specifically agreed to under a written labor-management negotiated labor agreement, an employee may be paid at least time and a half pay for work performed on any legal holiday specified in ORS 187.010 and 187.020 that is not listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(6) This section does not apply to contracts for personal services as defined in ORS 279C.100, provided that persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all overtime worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for individuals under personal services contracts who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(7) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services at a county fair or for other events authorized by a county fair board if persons employed under the contract receive at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week.

(8)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services. However, persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all time worked in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a contract for services, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the employees may be required to work.

(9) Any contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety that violates the provisions of this section is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages. If the violation results from willful falsification of payroll records, the contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and an additional amount equal to twice the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages.

(10) An action to enforce liability to employees under subsection (9) of this section may be brought as an action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(11) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. [2003 c.794 §144; 2005 c.103 §31]

[no Port rule]

279C.545 Time limitation on claim for overtime; posting of circular by contractor. When labor is employed by the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof through another as a contractor, any worker employed by the contractor shall be foreclosed from the right to collect for any overtime provided in ORS 279C.540 unless a claim for payment is filed with the contractor within 90 days from the completion of the contract, providing the contractor has:

(1) Caused a circular clearly printed in boldfaced 12-point type and containing a copy of this section to be posted in a prominent place alongside the door of the timekeeper's office or in a similar place that is readily available and freely visible to workers employed on the work.

(2) Maintained the circular continuously posted from the inception to the completion of the contract on which workers are or have been employed. [2003 c.794 §145]

[no Port rule]

Retainage and Payments

279C.550 "Retainage" defined. As used in ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570, "retainage" means the difference between the amount earned by a contractor on a public improvement contract and the amount paid on the contract by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §146; 2005 c.103 §32]

[no Port rule]

279C.555 Withholding of retainage. The withholding of retainage by a contractor or subcontractor on public improvement contracts shall be in accordance with ORS 701.420. [2003 c.794 §147; 2013 c.410 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.560 Form of retainage; procedures for holding and payment. (1) ~~Unless (a) A contractor may submit and~~ a contracting agency ~~that reserves an amount as retainage under ORS 279C.570 (7) finds in writing that accepting a bond or instrument described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection poses an extraordinary risk that is not typically associated with the bond or instrument, the contracting agency shall accept from a contractor~~ in lieu of withholding moneys ~~from payment shall accept from a contractor~~ for all or a portion of the retainage required under a public contract:

~~(A)~~ (A) Bonds, securities or other instruments of a character described in subsection (6) of this section that are deposited as provided in subsection (4) of this section; or

~~(B)~~ (B) A surety bond deposited as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

~~(b) A surety bond that a contractor submits under this section must be executed by a surety bonding company that is authorized to transact surety business in this state and may not be a surety obligation of an individual.~~

~~(c) A contracting agency may reject bonds, securities or other instruments that a contractor submits under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection or a surety bond that the contractor submits under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection only if the contracting agency first finds in writing good cause for the rejection that is based on unique project circumstances.~~

(2) A contracting agency that holds moneys as retainage under ORS 279C.570 (7) shall:

(a) Hold the moneys in a fund and pay the moneys to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570; or

(b) At the election of the contractor, pay the moneys to the contractor in accordance with subsection (4) or (5) of this section and in a manner authorized by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(3)(a) If ~~the~~ contracting agency incurs additional costs as a result of the contractor's exercise of an option described in subsection (1), (4) or (5) of this section, the contracting agency may recover the additional costs from the contractor by reducing the final payment. As work on the contract progresses, the contracting agency shall, upon demand, inform the contractor of all accrued costs.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, a contractor shall bear additional costs that arise from the contractor's exercise of an option described in subsection (1), (4) ~~the~~ or (5) of this section that the contractor incurs after the date on which the contractor submits a bid or proposal to the contracting agency. These costs are not reimbursable project costs and the contracting agency is not responsible for paying these costs.

(4) A contractor may deposit bonds, securities or other instruments with ~~the~~ contracting agency or in a bank or ~~trust company~~ other financial institution for the contracting agency to hold for the contracting agency's benefit in lieu of moneys held as retainage. If ~~the contracting agency accepts a contractor submits~~ bonds, securities or other instruments ~~deposited~~ as provided in this subsection, the contracting agency shall reduce the moneys held as retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bonds, securities and other instruments and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570. Interest or earnings on the bonds, securities or other instruments ~~shall~~ accrue to the contractor.

(5) If the contractor elects, the contracting agency shall deposit the retainage, as ~~accumulated~~ the retainage accumulates, in an interest-bearing account in a bank, ~~savings bank, trust company~~ or ~~savings association~~ other financial institution for the benefit of the contracting agency. ~~When~~ If the contracting agency is a state contracting agency, the account must be established through the State Treasurer. Earnings on the account accrue to the contractor.

(6) Bonds, securities and other instruments deposited or acquired in lieu of retainage, as permitted by this section, must be of a character approved by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, including but not limited to:

- (a) Bills, certificates, notes or bonds of the United States.
- (b) Other obligations of the United States or agencies of the United States.
- (c) Obligations of a corporation wholly owned by the federal government.
- (d) Indebtedness of the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- (e) General obligation bonds of the State of Oregon or a political subdivision of the State of Oregon.

(f) Irrevocable letters of credit issued by an insured institution, as defined in ORS 706.008.

(7) ~~The~~ A contractor, ~~with the approval of the contracting agency,~~ may deposit a surety bond for all or any portion of the amount of funds retained, or to be retained, by the contracting agency in ~~a substantially the form acceptable to the contracting agency specified in ORS 701.435(4).~~ The surety bond and any proceeds of the surety bond must be made subject to all claims and liens and in the same manner and priority as set forth specified for retainage under ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570 and 279C.600 to 279C.625. The contracting agency shall reduce the moneys the contracting agency holds as retainage in an amount equal to the value of the surety bond and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570. ~~Whenever a contracting agency accepts a surety bond from a contractor in lieu of retainage, the contractor shall accept like bonds from a subcontractor or supplier from which the contractor has retainage. The contractor shall then reduce the moneys the contractor holds as retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bond and pay the amount of the reduction to the subcontractor or supplier. [2003 e.794 §148; 2009 e.568 §1]~~

(8)(a) When a contracting agency accepts a surety bond in lieu of retainage from a contractor under this section, the contractor shall accept surety bonds from subcontractors or suppliers from which the contractor has withheld retainage. At any time before final payment on a public improvement contract, a subcontractor may submit a surety bond to a contractor and request that the contractor on the public improvement contract submit, in the manner provided in subsection (7) of this section, a surety bond to the contracting agency for the portion of the contractor's retainage that pertains to the subcontractor. The surety bond the subcontractor provides to the contractor must meet the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section. When a contractor at a subcontractor's request obtains and submits to the contracting agency a surety bond under this subsection, the contractor may withhold from payments to the subcontractor an amount equivalent to the portion of the contractor's surety bond premium for which the subcontractor is responsible.

(b) Within 30 days after a subcontractor's request under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contractor shall provide, and the contracting agency shall accept, a surety bond that meets the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section unless:

(A) The contracting agency finds good cause in writing to reject the surety bond based on unique project circumstances;

(B) The surety bond is not commercially available; or

(C) The subcontractor refuses to pay to the contractor the subcontractor's portion of the surety bond premium or refuses to provide the contractor with a surety bond that meets the requirements of subsection (1)(b) of this section.

(c) A surety bond the subcontractor submits under this subsection, and any proceeds from the surety bond, must be made subject to all claims and liens and in the same manner and priority specified for retainage under ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570 and 279C.600 to 279C.625.

(d) A contracting agency shall, within 30 days after receiving a surety bond under this subsection, release to the contractor an amount the contracting agency holds as retainage that is equivalent to the amount the contractor submitted as a surety bond.

(e) A contractor must, within 30 days after receiving a surety bond from a subcontractor or supplier, release to the subcontractor or supplier the amount the contractor holds as retainage that is equivalent to the amount the subcontractor or supplier submitted as the surety bond.

(9) A surety bond under this section must be in substantially the form specified in ORS 701.435 (4). [2003 c.794 §148; 2009 c.568 §1; 2024 (HB 4006)]

[no Port rule]

279C.565 Limitation on retainage requirements. Unless otherwise specifically included by statute, the provisions of ORS 279C.560 or 279C.625 apply only as between the contracting agency or public body and the party with whom it contracts. [2003 c.794 §149]

[no Port rule]

279C.570 Prompt payment policy; progress payments; retainage; interest; exception; settlement of compensation disputes. (1) ~~It is the~~The policy of the State of Oregon ~~is~~ that all payments due on a public improvement contract and owed by a contracting agency ~~shall~~must be paid promptly. No contracting agency is exempt from the provisions of this section.

(2) Contracting agencies shall make progress payments on the contract monthly as work progresses on a public improvement contract. Payments shall be based upon estimates of work completed that are approved by the contracting agency. A progress payment is not considered acceptance or approval of any work or waiver of any defects therein. The contracting agency shall

pay to the contractor interest on the progress payment, not including retainage, due the contractor. The interest shall commence 30 days after receipt of the invoice from the contractor or 15 days after the payment is approved by the contracting agency, whichever is the earlier date. The rate of interest charged to the contracting agency on the amount due shall equal three times the discount rate on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district that includes Oregon on the date that is 30 days after receipt of the invoice from the contractor or 15 days after the payment is approved by the contracting agency, whichever is the earlier date, but the rate of interest may not exceed 30 percent. ~~If the contract price exceeds \$500,000, the contracting agency shall place amounts deducted as retainage into an interest-bearing escrow account. Interest on the retainage amount accrues from the date the payment request is approved until the date the retainage is paid to the contractor to which it is due.~~

(3) Interest shall be paid automatically when payments become overdue. The contracting agency shall document, calculate and pay any interest due when payment is made on the principal. Interest payments shall accompany payment of net due on public improvement contracts. The contracting agency may not require the contractor to petition, invoice, bill or wait additional days to receive interest due.

(4) ~~When~~If an invoice is filled out incorrectly, ~~when~~if there is any defect or impropriety in any submitted invoice or ~~when~~if there is a good faith dispute, the contracting agency shall so notify the contractor within 15 days stating the reason or reasons the invoice is defective or improper or the reasons for the dispute. A defective or improper invoice, if corrected by the contractor within seven days of being notified by the contracting agency, may not cause a payment to be made later than specified in this section unless interest is also paid.

(5) If requested in writing by a first-tier subcontractor, the contractor, within 10 days after receiving the request, shall send to the first-tier subcontractor a copy of that portion of any invoice, request for payment submitted to the contracting agency or pay document provided by the contracting agency to the contractor specifically related to any labor or materials supplied by the first-tier subcontractor.

(6) Payment of interest may be postponed when payment on the principal is delayed because of disagreement between the contracting agency and the contractor. Whenever a contractor brings formal administrative or judicial action to collect interest due under this section, the prevailing party is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney fees.

(7) A contracting agency may reserve as retainage from any progress payment on a public improvement contract an amount not to exceed five percent of the payment. As work progresses, a contracting agency may reduce the amount of the retainage and the contracting agency may eliminate retainage on any remaining monthly contract payments after 50 percent of the work under the contract is completed if, in the contracting agency's opinion, such work is progressing satisfactorily. Elimination or reduction of retainage shall be allowed only upon written application by the contractor, and the application shall include written approval of the contractor's surety. However, when the contract work is 97.5 percent completed the contracting agency may, at the contracting agency's discretion and without application by the contractor, reduce the retained amount to 100 percent of the value of the contract work remaining to be done. Upon receipt of a written application by the contractor, the contracting agency shall respond in writing within a reasonable time.

(8) The retainage held by a contracting agency ~~shall~~must be included in and paid to the contractor as part of the final payment of the contract price. The contracting agency shall pay to the contractor interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month on the final payment due the contractor, interest to commence 30 days after the work under the contract has been completed and accepted and to run until the date when the final payment is tendered to the contractor. The contractor shall notify the contracting agency in writing when the contractor considers the work complete and the

contracting agency shall, within 15 days after receiving the written notice, either accept the work or notify the contractor of work yet to be performed on the contract. If the contracting agency does not, within the time allowed, notify the contractor of work yet to be performed to fulfill contractual obligations, the interest provided by this subsection shall commence to run 30 days after the end of the 15-day period.

(9)(a) The contracting agency shall pay, upon settlement or judgment in favor of the contractor regarding any dispute as to the compensation due a contractor for work performed under the terms of a public improvement contract, the amount due plus interest at the rate of two times the discount rate, but not to exceed 30 percent, on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district that includes Oregon on the date of the settlement or judgment, and accruing from the later of:

(A) The due date of any progress payment received under the contract for the period in which such work was performed; or

(B) Thirty days after the date on which the claim for the payment under dispute was presented to the contracting agency by the contractor in writing or in accordance with applicable provisions of the contract.

(b) Interest shall be added to and not made a part of the settlement or judgment. [2003 c.794 §150; 2005 c.103 §33; 2019 c.486 §1; [2024 HB 4006](#)]

~~Port Rule C.570 — Interest-Bearing Escrow Accounts for Cash Retainage~~

~~When the Port is required to deposit cash retainage into an interest-bearing escrow account under ORS 279C.570(2), the following definitions will apply: (i) a payment request is deemed to be "approved" when payment on such request is transmitted to the contractor; and (ii) a payment of retainage is deemed to be "paid" when the payment is transmitted to the contractor, or otherwise applied against an obligation of the contractor under the contract.~~

~~[no Port rule]~~

Subcontractors

279C.580 Contractor's relations with subcontractors. (1) A contractor may not request payment from the contracting agency of any amount withheld or retained in accordance with subsection (5) of this section until the contractor has determined and certified to the contracting agency that the subcontractor has determined and certified to the contracting agency that the subcontractor is entitled to the payment.

(2) A dispute between a contractor and first-tier subcontractor relating to the amount or entitlement of a first-tier subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under a clause included in the subcontract under subsection (3) or (4) of this section does not constitute a dispute to which the contracting agency is a party. The contracting agency may not be included as a party in any administrative or judicial proceeding involving such a dispute.

(3) Each public improvement contract awarded by a contracting agency must include a clause that requires the contractor to include in each subcontract for property or services the contractor enters into with a first-tier subcontractor, including a material supplier, for the purpose of performing a construction contract:

(a) A payment clause that obligates the contractor to pay the first-tier subcontractor for satisfactory performance under the subcontract within 10 days out of amounts the contracting agency pays to the contractor under the public improvement contract.

(b) A clause that requires the contractor to provide a first-tier subcontractor with a standard form that the first-tier subcontractor may use as an application for payment or as another method by which the subcontractor may claim a payment due from the contractor.

(c) A clause that requires the contractor, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, to use the same form and regular administrative procedures for processing payments during the entire term of the subcontract. A contractor may change the form or the regular administrative procedures the contractor uses for processing payments if the contractor:

(A) Notifies the subcontractor in writing at least 45 days before the date on which the contractor makes the change; and

(B) Includes with the written notice a copy of the new or changed form or a description of the new or changed procedure.

(d) An interest penalty clause that obligates the contractor, if the contractor does not pay the first-tier subcontractor within 30 days after receiving payment from the contracting agency, to pay the first-tier subcontractor an interest penalty on amounts due in each payment the contractor does not make in accordance with the payment clause included in the subcontract under paragraph (a) of this subsection. A contractor or first-tier subcontractor is not obligated to pay an interest penalty if the only reason that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not make payment when payment was due is that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not receive payment from the contracting agency or contractor when payment was due. The interest penalty:

(A) Applies to the period that begins on the day after the required payment date and that ends on the date on which the amount due is paid; and

(B) Is computed at the rate specified in ORS 279C.515 (2).

(4) A public improvement contract that the contracting agency awards shall obligate the contractor, in each of the contractor's subcontracts, to require the first-tier subcontractor to include a payment clause and an interest penalty clause that conforms to the standards of subsection (3) of this section in each of the first-tier subcontractor's subcontracts and to require each of the first-tier subcontractor's subcontractors to include such clauses in the first-tier subcontractors' subcontracts with each lower-tier subcontractor or supplier.

(5)(a) The clauses required by subsections (3) and (4) of this section do not impair the right of a contractor or a subcontractor at any tier to negotiate, and to include in the subcontract, provisions that:

(A) Permit the contractor or a subcontractor to retain, in the event of a good faith dispute, an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the amount in dispute from the amount due a subcontractor under the subcontract without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty, in accordance with terms and conditions the parties to the subcontract agree upon, giving such recognition as the parties consider appropriate to the ability of a subcontractor to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond;

(B) Permit the contractor or subcontractor to make a determination that part or all of the subcontractor's request for payment may be withheld in accordance with the subcontract; and

(C) Permit such withholdings without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty if:

(i) A notice that conforms to the standards of subsection (8) of this section has been previously furnished to the subcontractor; and

(ii) A copy of any notice a contractor issues under sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph has been furnished to the contracting agency.

(b) As used in this subsection, "good faith dispute" means a documented dispute concerning:

(A) Unsatisfactory job progress.

(B) Defective work not remedied.

(C) Third-party claims filed or reasonable evidence that claims will be filed.

(D) Failure to make timely payments for labor, equipment and materials.

(E) Damage to the contractor or subcontractor.

(F) Reasonable evidence that the subcontract cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the subcontract sum.

(6) If, after applying to a contracting agency for payment under a public improvement contract but before paying a subcontractor for the subcontractor's performance covered by the application, a contractor discovers that all or a portion of the payment otherwise due the subcontractor is subject to withholding from the subcontractor in accordance with the subcontract, the contractor shall:

(a) Furnish to the subcontractor a notice conforming to the standards of subsection (8) of this section as soon as practicable after ascertaining the cause for the withholding, but before the due date for payment to the subcontractor;

(b) Furnish to the contracting agency, as soon as practicable, a copy of the notice furnished to the subcontractor under paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(c) Reduce the progress payment to the subcontractor by an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(d) Pay the subcontractor as soon as practicable after the correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency;

(e) Make such payment within:

(A) Seven days after correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency unless the funds for the payment must be recovered from the contracting agency because of a reduction under paragraph (f)(A) of this subsection; or

(B) Seven days after the contractor recovers the funds from the contracting agency;

(f) Notify the contracting agency upon:

(A) Reduction of the amount of any subsequent certified application for payment; or

(B) Payment to the subcontractor of any withheld amounts of a progress payment, specifying:

(i) The amounts of the progress payments withheld under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(ii) The dates on which the withholding began and ended; and

(g) Be obligated to pay to the contracting agency an amount equal to interest on the withheld payments computed in the manner provided in ORS 279C.570 from the 11th day after receiving the withheld amounts from the contracting agency until:

(A) The day the identified subcontractor performance deficiency is corrected; or

(B) The date that any subsequent payment is reduced under paragraph (f)(A) of this subsection.

(7)(a) If a contractor, after paying a first-tier subcontractor, receives from a supplier or subcontractor of the first-tier subcontractor a written notice asserting a deficiency in the first-tier subcontractor's performance under the public improvement contract for which the contractor may be ultimately liable and the contractor determines that all or a portion of future payments otherwise due the first-tier subcontractor is subject to withholding in accordance with the subcontract, the contractor may, without incurring an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty under subsection (6)(e) of this section:

(A) Furnish to the first-tier subcontractor a notice that conforms to the standards of subsection (8) of this section as soon as practicable after making the determination; and

(B) Withhold from the first-tier subcontractor's next available progress payment or payments an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(b) As soon as practicable, but not later than 10 days after receiving satisfactory written notice that the identified subcontract performance deficiency has been corrected, the contractor shall pay the amount withheld under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection to the first-tier subcontractor, or shall incur an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty to the first-tier subcontractor computed at the rate specified in ORS 279C.570.

(8) A written notice of any withholding must be issued to a subcontractor, with a copy to the contracting agency, that specifies:

(a) The amount to be withheld;

(b) The specified causes for the withholding under the terms of the subcontract; and

(c) The remedial actions the subcontractor must take in order to receive payment of the amounts withheld.

(9) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this section does not limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies otherwise available to a contractor or a subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving a contractor's late payment or nonpayment or a subcontractor's deficient performance or nonperformance.

(10) A contractor's obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty to a subcontractor under the clause included in a subcontract under subsection (3) or (4) of this section is not an obligation of the contracting agency. A contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement of a late payment interest penalty. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement of a late payment interest penalty. [2003 c.794 §151; 2005 c.103 §34; 2012 c.4 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.585 Authority to substitute undisclosed first-tier subcontractor; circumstances; rules. A contractor whose bid is accepted may substitute a first-tier subcontractor that was not disclosed under ORS 279C.370 by submitting the name of the new subcontractor and the reason for the substitution in writing to the contracting agency. A contractor may substitute a first-tier subcontractor under this section in the following circumstances:

(1) When the subcontractor disclosed under ORS 279C.370 fails or refuses to execute a written contract after having had a reasonable opportunity to do so after the written contract, which must be reasonably based upon the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the public improvement project or the terms of the subcontractor's written bid, is presented to the subcontractor by the contractor.

(2) When the disclosed subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

(3) When the disclosed subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the subcontract.

(4) When the disclosed subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the bond requirements of the contractor that had been identified prior to the bid submittal.

(5) When the contractor demonstrates to the contracting agency that the subcontractor was disclosed as the result of an inadvertent clerical error.

(6) When the disclosed subcontractor does not hold a license from, or has a license that is not properly endorsed by, the Construction Contractors Board and is required to be licensed by the board.

(7) When the contractor determines that the work performed by the disclosed subcontractor is substantially unsatisfactory and not in substantial accordance with the plans and specifications or that the subcontractor is substantially delaying or disrupting the progress of the work.

(8) When the disclosed subcontractor is ineligible to work on a public improvement contract under applicable statutory provisions.

(9) When the substitution is for good cause. The Construction Contractors Board shall define "good cause" by rule. "Good cause" includes but is not limited to the financial instability of a subcontractor. The definition of "good cause" must reflect the least-cost policy for public improvements established in ORS 279C.305.

(10) When the substitution is reasonably based on the contract alternates chosen by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §152; 2007 c.836 §45]

[no Port rule]

279C.590 Complaint process for substitutions of subcontractors; civil penalties. (1)(a) A subcontractor disclosed under ORS 279C.370 may file a complaint based on the subcontractor disclosure requirements under ORS 279C.370 with the Construction Contractors Board about a contractor if the contractor has substituted another subcontractor for the complaining subcontractor.

(b) If more than one subcontractor files a complaint with the board under paragraph (a) of this subsection relating to a single subcontractor disclosure, the board shall consolidate the complaints into one proceeding. If the board imposes a civil penalty under this section against a contractor, the amount collected by the board shall be divided evenly among all of the complaining subcontractors.

(c) Each subcontractor filing a complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall post a deposit of \$500 with the board upon filing the complaint.

(d) If the board determines that a contractor's substitution was not in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board shall return the full amount of the deposit posted under paragraph (c) of this subsection to the complaining subcontractor.

(e) If the board determines that a contractor has not substituted a subcontractor or that the contractor's substitution was in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board shall award the contractor \$250 of the deposit and shall retain the other \$250, which may be expended by the board.

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall investigate the complaint. If the board determines that a contractor has substituted a subcontractor in a manner not in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board may impose a civil penalty against the contractor under subsections (3) to (5) of this section. Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided under ORS 183.745.

(3) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and it is the first time the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor during a three-year period, the board shall:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(4) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and it is the second time the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor during a three-year period, the board may:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000 and shall place the contractor on the list established under ORS 701.227 for up to six months. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(5) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor three or more times during a three-year period, the board may:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000 and shall place the contractor on the list established under ORS 701.227 for up to one year. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(6) Within 10 working days after receiving a complaint under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall notify, in writing, any contracting agency that is a party to the contract for which the complaint has been filed that the complaint has been filed. [2003 c.794 §153]

[no Port rule]

Action on Payment Bonds and Public Works Bonds

279C.600 Right of action on payment bond or public works bond of contractor or subcontractor; notice of claim. (1) A person claiming to have supplied labor or materials for the performance of the work provided for in a public contract, including any person having a direct contractual relationship with the contractor furnishing the payment bond or a direct contractual relationship with any subcontractor, or an assignee of such person, or a person claiming moneys due the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund or the Department of Revenue in connection with the performance of the contract, has a right of action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400 only if:

(a) The person or the assignee of the person has not been paid in full; and

(b) The person gives written notice of claim, as prescribed in ORS 279C.605, to the contractor and the contracting agency.

(2) When, upon investigation, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries has received information indicating that one or more workers providing labor on a public works have not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage or overtime wages, the commissioner has a right of action first on the contractor's public works bond required under ORS 279C.836 and then, for any amount of a claim not satisfied by the public works bond, on the contractor's payment bond, as provided in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400. When an investigation indicates that a subcontractor's workers have not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage or overtime wages, the commissioner has a right of action first on the subcontractor's public works bond and then, for any amount of a claim not satisfied by the subcontractor's public works bond, on the contractor's payment bond. The commissioner's right of action exists without necessity of an assignment and extends to workers on the project who are not identified when the written notice of claim is given, but for whom the commissioner has received information indicating that the workers have provided labor on the public works and have not been paid in full. The commissioner shall give written notice of the claim, as prescribed in ORS 279C.605, to the contracting agency, the Construction Contractors Board, the contractor and, if applicable, the subcontractor. The commissioner may not make a claim for the same unpaid wages against more than one bond under this section. [2003 c.794 §154; 2005 c.360 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.605 Notice of claim. (1) The notice of claim required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent by registered or certified mail or hand delivered no later than 180 days after the day the person last provided labor or furnished materials or 180 days after the worker listed in the notice of claim by

the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries last provided labor. The notice may be sent or delivered to the contractor or subcontractor at any place the contractor or subcontractor maintains an office or conducts business or at the residence of the contractor or subcontractor.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the claim is for a required contribution to a fund of an employee benefit plan, the notice required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent or delivered within 200 days after the employee last provided labor or materials.

(3) The notice must be in writing substantially as follows:

To (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor and the name of the public body):

Notice hereby is given that the undersigned (here insert the name of the claimant) has a claim for (here insert a brief description of the labor or materials performed or furnished and the person by whom performed or furnished; if the claim is for other than labor or materials, insert a brief description of the claim) in the sum of (here insert the amount) dollars against the (here insert public works bond or payment bond, as applicable) taken from (here insert the name of the principal and, if known, the surety or sureties upon the public works bond or payment bond) for the work of (here insert a brief description of the work concerning which the public works bond or payment bond was taken). Such material or labor was supplied to (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor).

(here to be signed)

(4) When notice of claim is given by the commissioner and if the claim includes a worker who is then unidentified, the commissioner shall include in the notice a statement that the claim includes an unidentified worker for whom the commissioner has received information indicating that the worker has not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage required by ORS 279C.840 or overtime wages required by ORS 279C.540.

(5) The person making the claim or giving the notice shall sign the notice. [2003 c.794 §155; 2005 c.360 §4; 2009 c.160 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.610 Action on contractor’s public works bond or payment bond; time limitation.

(1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or a person who has a right of action on the public works bond or the payment bond under ORS 279C.600 and, where required, who has filed and served the notice or notices of claim, as required under ORS 279C.600 and 279C.605, or that person’s assignee, may institute an action on the contractor’s public works bond or payment bond in a circuit court of this state or the federal district court of the district.

(2) The action shall be on the relation of the commissioner, the claimant, or that person’s assignee, as the case may be, and shall be in the name of the contracting agency that let the contract or, when applicable, the public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was let. It may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution for the use and benefit of the commissioner or the claimant, or that person’s assignee, as the fact may appear.

(3) The action shall be instituted no later than two years after the person last provided labor or materials or two years after the worker listed in the commissioner’s notice of claim last provided labor. [2003 c.794 §156; 2005 c.360 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.615 Preference for labor and material liens. All labor and material liens have preference and are superior to all other liens and claims of any kind or nature created by ORS 279C.500 to 279C.530 and 279C.600 to 279C.625. [2003 c.794 §157]

[no Port rule]

279C.620 Rights of person providing medical care to employees of contractor. A person providing medical, surgical or hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of a contractor or subcontractor on a public contract is deemed to have performed labor on the public contract for the purposes of ORS 279C.600 to 279C.625. [2003 c.794 §158]

[no Port rule]

279C.625 Joint liability when payment bond not executed. If the public improvement contract is one for which a payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400 is required and the contractor fails to pay for labor or materials or to pay claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund or the Department of Revenue and the officers of the public body that authorized the contract fail or neglect to require the person entering into the contract to execute the payment bond:

(1) The State of Oregon and the officers authorizing the contract shall be jointly liable for the labor and materials used in the performance of any work under the contract, and for claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and the Department of Revenue, if the contract was entered into with the State of Oregon.

(2) The public body and the officers authorizing the contract shall be jointly liable for the labor and materials used in the performance of any work under the contract and for claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and the Department of Revenue, if the contract was entered into on behalf of a public body other than the state. [2003 c.794 §159; 2005 c.103 §35]

[no Port rule]

Termination or Suspension of Contract for Public Interest Reasons

279C.650 “Labor dispute” defined. As used in ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670, “labor dispute” has the meaning given that term in ORS 662.010. [2003 c.794 §160]

[no Port rule]

279C.655 Extension and compensation when work suspended. If a public contract is not terminated but work under the contract is suspended by an order of a contracting agency for any reason considered to be in the public interest other than a labor dispute or any third-party judicial proceeding relating to the work other than a suit or action filed in regards to a labor dispute, the contractor is entitled to a reasonable extension of the contract time and reasonable compensation for all costs resulting from the suspension plus a reasonable allowance for overhead with respect to such costs. [2003 c.794 §161]

[no Port rule]

279C.660 Compensation when contract terminated due to public interest. When a public contract is terminated by mutual agreement, provision shall be made for the payment of compensation to the contractor. In addition to a reasonable amount of compensation for preparatory work and for all costs and expenses arising out of termination, the amount to be paid to the contractor:

(1) Shall be determined on the basis of the contract price in the case of any fully completed separate item or portion of the work for which there is a separate or unit contract price; and

(2) May, with respect to any other work, be a percent of the contract price equal to the percentage of the work completed. [2003 c.794 §162]

[no Port rule]

279C.665 Contractual provisions for compensation when contract terminated due to public interest. A contracting agency may provide in a public improvement contract detailed provisions under which the contractor shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to compensation upon termination of the contract on account of any reason considered to be in the public interest. [2003 c.794 §163]

[no Port rule]

279C.670 Application of ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670. ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670 do not apply to suspension of the work or termination of the contract that occurs as a result of the contractor's violation of federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations in existence at the time the contract was executed or as a result of violations of the terms of the contract. [2003 c.794 §164]

[no Port rule]

Prevailing Wage Rate

279C.800 Definitions for ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. As used in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870:

(1) "Fringe benefits" means:

(a) Contributions that a contractor or subcontractor makes irrevocably to a trustee or to a third person under a plan, fund or program; and

(b) Costs that a contractor or subcontractor may reasonably be anticipated to incur in providing the following items, except for items that federal, state or local law requires the contractor or subcontractor to provide:

(A) Benefits to workers pursuant to an enforceable written commitment to the workers to carry out a financially responsible plan or program for:

(i) Medical or hospital care;

(ii) Pensions on retirement or death; or

(iii) Compensation for injuries or illness that result from occupational activity;

(B) Insurance to provide the benefits described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(C) Unemployment benefits;

(D) Life insurance;

(E) Disability and sickness insurance or accident insurance;

(F) Vacation and holiday pay;

(G) Costs of apprenticeship or other similar programs; or

(H) Other bona fide fringe benefits.

(2) “Housing” has the meaning given that term in ORS 456.055.

(3) “Locality” means the following district in which the public works, or the major portion of the public works, is to be performed:

(a) District 1, composed of Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties;

(b) District 2, composed of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties;

(c) District 3, composed of Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties;

(d) District 4, composed of Benton, Lincoln and Linn Counties;

(e) District 5, composed of Lane County;

(f) District 6, composed of Douglas County;

(g) District 7, composed of Coos and Curry Counties;

(h) District 8, composed of Jackson and Josephine Counties;

(i) District 9, composed of Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties;

(j) District 10, composed of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties;

(k) District 11, composed of Klamath and Lake Counties;

(L) District 12, composed of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties;

(m) District 13, composed of Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties; and

(n) District 14, composed of Harney and Malheur Counties.

(4) “Prevailing rate of wage” means the rate of ~~hourly~~ wage, including all fringe benefits, that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries determines ~~is paid in the locality to the majority of workers employed on projects of a similar character in the same trade or occupation in accordance with ORS 279C.815.~~

(5) “Public agency” means the State of Oregon or a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, or a county, city, district, authority, public corporation or public entity organized and existing under law or charter or an instrumentality of the county, city, district, authority, public corporation or public entity.

(6)(a) “Public works” includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Roads, highways, buildings, structures and improvements of all types, ~~the for which a public agency contracts or carries on~~ construction, reconstruction, major renovation, demolition, removal of hazardous waste or painting ~~of which is carried on or contracted for by any public agency~~ to serve the public interest;

(B) A project that uses \$750,000 or more of funds of a public agency for constructing, reconstructing, painting, demolishing, removing hazardous waste from, or performing a major renovation on, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type;

(C) A project that uses funds of a private entity for constructing a privately owned road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type in which a public agency will use or occupy 25 percent or more of the square footage of the completed project;

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 279C.810 (2)(a), (b) and (c), a device, structure or mechanism, or a combination of devices, structures or mechanisms, that:

(i) Uses solar radiation as a source for generating heat, cooling or electrical energy; and

(ii) Is constructed or installed, with or without using funds of a public agency, on land, premises, structures or buildings that a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, owns; ~~or~~

(E) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(A) of this subsection and ORS 279C.810 (2)(b) and (c), construction, reconstruction, painting, demolition, removal of hazardous waste from, or major renovation of, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type that occurs, with or without using funds of a public agency, on real property that a public university listed in ORS 352.002 owns; or

(F) Demolition of, or removal of hazardous waste from, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type that uses \$750,000 or more in funds of a public agency, or that occurs on real property that a state agency owns, but that does not involve constructing, reconstructing, renovating or painting a road, highway, building, structure or improvement.

(b) “Public works” does not include:

(A) Reconstructing or renovating privately owned property that a public agency leases; or

(B) A private nonprofit entity’s renovation of publicly owned real property that is more than 75 years old if:

(i) The real property is leased to the private nonprofit entity for more than 25 years;

(ii) Funds of a public agency used in the renovation do not exceed 15 percent of the total cost of the renovation; and

(iii) Contracts for the renovation were advertised or, if not advertised, were entered into before July 1, 2003, but the renovation has not been completed on or before July 13, 2007. [2003 c.794 §165; 2007 c.764 §34; 2010 c.45 §1; 2013 c.203 §1; 2015 c.482 §1; 2015 c.767 §81; 2021 c.104 §1; 2023 c.137 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.805 Policy. The Legislative Assembly declares that the purposes of the prevailing rate of wage law are:

(1) To ensure that contractors compete on the ability to perform work competently and efficiently while maintaining community-established compensation standards.

(2) To recognize that local participation in publicly financed construction and family wage income and benefits are essential to the protection of community standards.

(3) To encourage training and education of workers to industry skills standards.

(4) To encourage employers to use funds allocated for employee fringe benefits for the actual purchase of those benefits. [2003 c.794 §166]

[no Port rule]

279C.807 Workforce diversity for public works projects. * * * [2007 c.844 §9]

[no Port rule]

279C.808 Rules. In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall adopt rules necessary to administer ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. [2007 c.764 §45]

[no Port rule]

279C.810 Exemptions; rules. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Funds of a public agency” does not include:

(A) Funds provided in the form of a government grant to a nonprofit organization, unless the government grant is issued for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, major renovation or painting;

(B) Building and development permit fees paid or waived by the public agency;

(C) Tax credits or tax abatements;

(D) Land that a public agency sells to a private entity at fair market value;

(E) The difference between:

(i) The value of land that a public agency sells to a private entity as determined at the time of the sale after taking into account any plan, requirement, covenant, condition, restriction or other limitation, exclusive of zoning or land use regulations, that the public agency imposes on the development or use of the land; and

(ii) The fair market value of the land if the land is not subject to the limitations described in ~~sub-~~subparagraph (i) of this ~~paragraph~~subparagraph;

(F) Staff resources of the public agency used to manage a project or to provide a principal source of supervision, coordination or oversight of a project;

(G) Staff resources of the public agency used to design or inspect one or more components of a project;

(H) Moneys derived from the sale of bonds that are loaned by a state agency to a private entity, unless the moneys will be used for a public improvement;

(I) Value added to land as a consequence of a public agency's site preparation, demolition of real property or remediation or removal of environmental contamination, except for value added in excess of the expenses the public agency incurred in the site preparation, demolition or remediation or removal when the land is sold for use in a project otherwise subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870; or

(J) Bonds, or loans from the proceeds of bonds, issued in accordance with ORS chapter 289 or ORS 441.525 to 441.595, unless the bonds or loans will be used for a public improvement.

(b) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization or group of organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 do not apply to:

(a) Projects for which the contract price does not exceed \$50,000. In determining the price of a project, a public agency:

(A) May not include the value of donated materials or work performed on the project by individuals volunteering to the public agency without pay; and

(B) Shall include the value of work performed by every person paid by a contractor or subcontractor in any manner for the person's work on the project.

(b) Projects for which no funds of a public agency are directly or indirectly used. In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

(c) Projects:

(A) That are privately owned;

(B) That use funds of a private entity;

(C) In which less than 25 percent of the square footage of a completed project will be occupied or used by a public agency; and

(D) For which less than \$750,000 of funds of a public agency are used.

(d) Projects for residential construction that are privately owned and that predominantly provide affordable housing. As used in this paragraph:

(A) "Affordable housing" means housing that serves occupants whose incomes are no greater than 60 percent of the area median income or, if the occupants are owners, whose incomes are no greater than 80 percent of the area median income.

(B) "Predominantly" means 60 percent or more.

(C) "Privately owned" includes:

(i) Affordable housing provided on real property owned by a public agency if the real property and related structures are leased to a private entity for 50 or more years; and

(ii) Affordable housing owned by a partnership, nonprofit corporation or limited liability company in which a housing authority, as defined in ORS 456.005, is a general partner, director

or managing member and the housing authority is not a majority owner in the partnership, nonprofit corporation or limited liability company.

(D) "Residential construction" includes the construction, reconstruction, major renovation or painting of single-family houses or apartment buildings not more than four stories in height and all incidental items, such as site work, parking areas, utilities, streets and sidewalks, pursuant to the United States Department of Labor's "All Agency Memorandum No. 130: Application of the Standard of Comparison "Projects of a Character Similar" Under Davis-Bacon and Related Acts," dated March 17, 1978. However, the commissioner may consider different definitions of residential construction in determining whether a project is a residential construction project for purposes of this paragraph, including definitions that:

(i) Exist in local ordinances or codes; or

(ii) Differ, in the prevailing practice of a particular trade or occupation, from the United States Department of Labor's description of residential construction. [2003 c.794 §172; 2005 c.153 §1; 2005 c.360 §8; 2007 c.764 §35]

[no Port rule]

—279C.815 Determination of prevailing wage; sources of information; comparison of state and federal prevailing wage; other powers of commissioner.—(1) As used in this section, ~~“person:~~

(a) “Electrical worker” means an electrician, inside wireman, cable splicer, electrical welder, electrical material handler, lighting maintenance worker or limited energy electrician.

(b) “Person” means an employer, a labor organization or an official representative of an employee or employer association.

—(2)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries at least once each year shall determine in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection the prevailing rate of wage for workers in each trade or occupation in each locality described in ORS 279C.800 ~~by means of an independent wage survey~~ and shall make this information available at least twice each year. The commissioner may amend the rate at any time.

—(b) ~~If the data derived only from the survey described~~(A) Except as provided in paragraph (a) subsection (B) of this subsection appear to paragraph, the prevailing rate of wage for a trade or occupation in a locality is the rate of wage set forth in the commissioner to be insufficient to collective bargaining agreement for the trade or occupation in the locality or, if more than one collective bargaining agreement covers a trade or occupation in the locality, the highest rate of wage among the collective bargaining agreements for the trade or occupation in the locality.

(B) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.800 (3), for the purpose of specifying a prevailing rate of wage for electrical workers in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the applicable locality is the geographical area within which each local union is the exclusive representative for the local union's membership, and the applicable collective bargaining agreement is the collective bargaining agreement to which the local union is a party.

(c) If a collective bargaining agreement does not exist for a trade or occupation in a locality, the commissioner shall determine the prevailing rate of wage, by conducting an independent wage survey in the locality. The commissioner shall may also consider additional information such as collective bargaining agreements, other independent wage surveys and the prevailing rates of wage determined by appropriate federal agencies or agencies of adjoining states. If there is a wage survey under this paragraph does not show that a majority in the same trade or occupation is paid at the same rate, the average rate of hourly wage, including all fringe benefits, paid in the locality to workers in the same trade or occupation is the prevailing rate. If the wage a contractor or subcontractor pays to workers on a public works is based on a period of time other than an hour,

the hourly wage must be mathematically determined by the number of hours worked in that period of time.

____(3) A person shall make reports and returns to the Bureau of Labor and Industries that the commissioner requires to determine the prevailing rates of wage, using forms the bureau provides and within the time the commissioner prescribes. The person or an authorized representative of the person shall certify to the accuracy of the reports and returns.

____(4) Notwithstanding ORS 192.~~410311~~ to 192.~~505478~~, reports and returns or other information provided to the commissioner under this section are confidential and not available for inspection by the public.

____(5) The commissioner may enter into a contract with a public or private party to obtain data and information the commissioner needs to determine the prevailing rate of wage. The contract may provide for the manner and extent of the ~~market~~ review of affected trades and occupations and for other requirements regarding timelines of reports, accuracy of data and information and supervision and review as the commissioner prescribes. [2003 c.794 §173; 2005 c.360 §9; 2007 c.764 §36; 2007 c.844 §3; 2011 c.265 §1; 2021 c.104 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.817 Determination of applicability of prevailing wage rate; time limitation; hearing; rules. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall, upon the request of a public agency or other interested person, make a determination about whether a project or proposed project is or would be a public works on which payment of the prevailing rate of wage is or would be required under ORS 279C.840.

(2) The requester shall provide the commissioner with information necessary to enable the commissioner to make the determination.

(3) The commissioner shall make the determination within 60 days after receiving the request or 60 days after the requester has provided the commissioner with the information necessary to enable the commissioner to make the determination, whichever is later. The commissioner may take additional time to make the determination if the commissioner and the requester mutually agree that the commissioner may do so.

(4) The commissioner shall afford the requester or a person adversely affected or aggrieved by the commissioner's determination a hearing in accordance with ORS 183.413 to 183.470. An order the commissioner issues under ORS 183.413 to 183.470 is subject to judicial review as provided in ORS 183.482.

(5) The commissioner shall adopt rules establishing the process for requesting and making the determinations described in this section. [2007 c.764 §43]

Port Rule C.817 Requests for Determination of Applicability of Prevailing Wage Rate

All requests for a determination of the applicability of the prevailing wage rate under ORS 279C.817(1) will be made by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a request is appropriate. In determining the appropriateness of a request, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may require the preparation of written findings describing the matter.

279C.820 Advisory committee to assist commissioner. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall appoint an advisory committee to assist the commissioner in the administration of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(2) The advisory committee must include equal representation of members from management and labor in the building and construction industry who perform work on public works contracts and such other interested parties as the commissioner shall appoint. [2003 c.794 §179]

[no Port rule]

279C.825 Fees; rules. (1)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, by order, shall establish a fee to be paid by the public agency that awards a public works contract subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. The commissioner shall use the fee to pay the costs of:

(A) Surveys to determine the prevailing rates of wage;

(B) Administering and providing investigations under and enforcement of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870; and

(C) Providing educational programs on public contracting law under the Public Contracting Code.

(b) The commissioner shall establish the fee at 0.1 percent of the contract price. However, in no event may a fee be charged and collected that is less than \$250 or more than \$7,500.

(2) The commissioner shall pay moneys received under this section into the State Treasury. The moneys shall be credited to the Prevailing Wage Education and Enforcement Account created by ORS 651.185.

(3) The public agency shall pay the fee at the time the public agency notifies the commissioner under ORS 279C.835 a contract subject to the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 has been awarded. [2003 c.794 §178; 2007 c.844 §7; 2009 c.161 §1; 2009 c.788 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.827 Division of public works project; applicability of prevailing wage rate to divided projects. (1)(a) A person or public agency may not divide a public works project into more than one contract for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(b) If the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries determines that a person or public agency has divided a public works project into more than one contract for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the commissioner shall issue an order compelling compliance.

(c) In making determinations under this subsection, the commissioner shall consider:

(A) The physical separation of the project structures;

(B) The timing of the work on project phases or structures;

(C) The continuity of project contractors and subcontractors working on project parts or phases;

(D) The manner in which the public agency and the contractors administer and implement the project;

(E) Whether a single public works project includes several types of improvements or structures; and

(F) Whether the combined improvements or structures have an overall purpose or function.

(2)(a) The commissioner may apply the considerations set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section to determine whether to divide a public works project into more than one contract, regardless of whether the commissioner believes that a person or public agency divided the public works project for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(b) If a project is a public works project of the type described in ORS 279C.800 (6)(a)(B) or (C), the commissioner shall divide the project, if appropriate, after applying the considerations set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section to separate the parts of the project that include funds of a public agency or that will be occupied or used by a public agency from the parts of the project that

do not include funds of a public agency and that will not be occupied or used by a public agency. If the commissioner divides the project, any part of the project that does not include funds of a public agency and that will not be occupied or used by a public agency is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(3) If a project includes parts that are owned by a public agency and parts that are owned by a private entity, the commissioner shall divide the project, if appropriate, after applying the considerations set forth in subsections (1)(c) and (2)(b) of this section to separate the parts of the project that are public works from the parts of the project that are not public works. If the commissioner divides the project, parts of the project that are not public works are not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. [2007 c.764 §44; 2017 c.334 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.829 Agreement with other state to pay less than prevailing rate of wage. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a contracting agency may not enter into an agreement with another state or a political subdivision or agency of another state in which the contracting agency agrees that a contractor or subcontractor may pay less than the prevailing rate of wage determined in accordance with ORS 279C.815 under the terms of a contract for public works to which the contracting agency is a party or of which the contracting agency is a beneficiary. [2009 c.322 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.830 Provisions concerning prevailing rate of wage in specifications, contracts and subcontracts; applicability of prevailing wage; bond. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection, the specifications for every contract for public works must state the existing state prevailing rate of wage and, if applicable, the federal prevailing rate of wage required under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) that must be paid to workers in each trade or occupation that the contractor or subcontractor or other person who is a party to the contract uses in performing all or part of the contract. If the prevailing rates of wage are available electronically or are accessible on the Internet, the specifications may incorporate the rates by referring to the electronically accessible or Internet-accessible rates and by providing adequate information about how to access the rates.

(b) If a public agency under paragraph (a) of this subsection must state the state and federal prevailing rates of wage in the specifications, the public agency shall also require the contractor to pay the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage to all workers on the public works.

(c) Every contract and subcontract must provide that the workers must be paid not less than the specified minimum hourly rate of wage in accordance with ORS 279C.838 and 279C.840.

(d) If a public works project is subject both to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 and to the Davis-Bacon Act, every contract and subcontract must provide that workers on the public works must be paid not less than the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage.

(e) A public works project described in ORS 279C.800 (6)(a)(B) or (C) is subject to the existing state prevailing rate of wage or, if applicable, the federal prevailing rate of wage required under the Davis-Bacon Act that is in effect at the time a public agency enters into an agreement with a private entity for the project. After that time, the specifications for a contract for the public works must state the applicable prevailing rate of wage.

(2)(a) The specifications for a contract for public works must provide that the contractor and every subcontractor must have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board

before starting work on the project, unless the contractor or subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(b) Every contract that a contracting agency awards must require the contractor to:

(A) Have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless the contractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(B) Require, in every subcontract, that the subcontractor have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless the subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(c) Every subcontract that a contractor or subcontractor awards in connection with a public works contract between a contractor and a public agency must require any subcontractor to have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the public works project, unless the subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9). [2003 c.794 §168; 2005 c.360 §10; 2007 c.415 §2; 2007 c.764 §37; 2007 c.844 §4; 2009 c.161 §2; 2011 c.265 §2; 2017 c.334 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.835 Notifying commissioner of public works contract subject to prevailing wage; payment of fee. Public agencies shall notify the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in writing, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, whenever a contract subject to the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 has been awarded. The notification shall be made within 30 days of the date that the contract is awarded. The notification shall include payment of the fee required under ORS 279C.825 and a copy of the disclosure of first-tier subcontractors that was submitted under ORS 279C.370. [2003 c.794 §175; 2009 c.161 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.836 Public works bond; rules. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), (7), (8) or (9) of this section, before starting work on a contract or subcontract for a public works project, a contractor or subcontractor shall file with the Construction Contractors Board a public works bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in this state in the amount of \$30,000. The bond must provide that the contractor or subcontractor will pay claims ordered by the Bureau of Labor and Industries to workers performing labor upon public works projects. The bond must be a continuing obligation, and the surety's liability for the aggregate of claims that may be payable from the bond may not exceed the penal sum of the bond. The bond must remain in effect continuously until depleted by claims paid under this section, unless the surety sooner cancels the bond. The surety may cancel the bond by giving 30 days' written notice to the contractor or subcontractor, to the board and to the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Canceling the bond relieves the surety of further liability for work performed on contracts entered into after the cancellation. The cancellation does not limit the surety's liability for work performed on contracts entered into before the cancellation.

(2) Before permitting a subcontractor to start work on a public works project, the contractor shall verify that the subcontractor has filed a public works bond as required under this section, has elected not to file a public works bond under subsection (7) or (8) of this section or is exempt under subsection (4) or (9) of this section.

(3) This section does not require a contractor or subcontractor to file a separate public works bond for each public works project for which the contractor or subcontractor has a contract.

(4) This section does not require a person that is not required under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 to pay prevailing rates of wage on a public works project to file a public works bond under this section.

(5) A public works bond required by this section is in addition to any other bond the contractor or subcontractor is required to obtain.

(6) The board may, by rule, require a contractor or subcontractor to obtain a new public works bond if a surety pays a claim out of an existing public works bond. The new bond must be in the amount of \$30,000. The board may allow a contractor or subcontractor to obtain, instead of a new bond, a certification that the surety remains liable for the full penal sum of the existing bond, notwithstanding payment by the surety on the claim.

(7)(a) A disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a veteran-owned business ~~that a service disabled veteran owns~~ or an emerging small business certified under ORS 200.055 may, for up to four years after certification, elect not to file a public works bond as required under subsection (1) this section. If an enterprise or a business elects not to file a public works bond, the enterprise or business shall give the board written verification of the certification and written notice that the enterprise or business elects not to file the bond.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries finds that an enterprise or a business has violated a provision of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or an administrative rule adopted under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the enterprise or business must file a public works bond in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(c) An enterprise or a business that elects not to file a public works bond under this subsection shall notify the public agency for whose benefit the contract was awarded or, if the enterprise or business is a subcontractor, the contractor of the election before starting work on a public works project. If an enterprise or a business elects not to file a public works bond under this subsection, a claim for unpaid wages may be made against the payment bond of the enterprise or business or, if the enterprise or business is a subcontractor, the payment bond of the contractor.

(d) An election not to file a public works bond expires four years after the date the enterprise or business is certified. After an election has expired and before starting or continuing work on a contract or subcontract for a public works project, the enterprise or business shall file a public works bond with the board in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(8) A contractor or subcontractor may elect not to file the public works bond required under subsection (1) of this section for any public works project for which the contract price does not exceed \$100,000.

(9) In cases of emergency, or if the interest or property of the public agency for whose benefit the contract was awarded probably would suffer material injury by delay or other cause, the requirement for filing a public works bond may be excused, if a declaration of the emergency is made in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(10) The board shall make available on a searchable public website information concerning public works bonds filed with the board, claims made on those bonds, elections made by certified business enterprises not to file those bonds and the expiration date of each election. The board may adopt rules necessary to perform the duties required of the board by this section.

(11) The commissioner, with approval of the board, shall adopt rules that establish language for public works bonds. [2005 c.360 §2; 2007 c.415 §1; 2007 c.764 §38; 2015 c.565 §16; 2017 c.334 §3; 2023 c.497 §16]

[no Port rule]

279C.838 Applicability of state and federal rates of wage; determination of site of project; determination of applicability of wage to transportation workers; waiver. When a public works project is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.):

(1) If the state prevailing rate of wage is higher than the federal prevailing rate of wage, the contractor and every subcontractor on the project shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815;

(2) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall determine the site of the project in a manner consistent with the term “site of the work” as that term is used in federal law and in regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act;

(3) The commissioner shall determine in a manner that is consistent with federal law and regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act whether workers transporting materials and supplies to and from the site of the project are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act and are entitled to be paid the prevailing rate of wage;

(4) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the commissioner, in consultation with the advisory committee appointed under ORS 279C.820, may administer and enforce ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 in a manner that is consistent with federal law and regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The commissioner may provide a waiver from a requirement set forth in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 if necessary to achieve consistency with the Davis-Bacon Act and to further the purposes of ORS 279C.805; and

(5) ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 do not apply to workers enrolled in skill training programs that are certified by the United States Secretary of Transportation under the Federal-Aid Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 113(c)). [2005 c.360 §7; 2007 c.844 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.840 Payment of prevailing rate of wage; posting of rates and fringe benefit plan provisions. (1) The hourly rate of wage that a contractor or subcontractor must pay to workers upon all public works may not be less than the prevailing rate of wage for an hour’s work in the same trade or occupation in the locality where the labor is performed. A contractor or subcontractor may discharge the obligation to pay the prevailing rate of wage by making the payments in cash, by making contributions of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(a), or by assuming an enforceable commitment to bear the costs of fringe benefits of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(b), or any combination of payments, contributions and assumption of costs, where the aggregate of any such payments, contributions and assumption of costs is not less than the prevailing rate of wage. The contractor or subcontractor shall pay all wages due and owing to the contractor’s or subcontractor’s workers upon public works on the regular payday established and maintained under ORS 652.120.

(2) After a contract for public works is executed with any contractor or work is commenced upon any public works, a contractor or subcontractor may not subject the amount of the prevailing rate of wage to attack in any legal proceeding in connection with that contract.

(3) It is not a defense in any legal proceeding that the prevailing rate of wage is less than the amount required to be in the specifications of a contract for public works, or that the employee agreed with the employer to work at less than the wage rates required to be paid under this section.

(4) Every contractor or subcontractor engaged on a project for which there is a contract for a public works shall keep the prevailing rates of wage for that project posted in a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the project. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall furnish without charge copies of the prevailing rates of wage to contractors and subcontractors.

(5) Every contractor or subcontractor engaged on a project for which there is a contract for a public works to which the prevailing wage requirements apply that also provides or contributes to a health and welfare plan or a pension plan, or both, for the contractor or subcontractor's employees on the project shall post a notice describing the plan in a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the project. The notice preferably shall be posted in the same place as the notice required under subsection (4) of this section. In addition to the description of the plan, the notice shall contain information on how and where to make claims and where to obtain further information.

(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, a person other than the contractor or subcontractor may not pay or contribute any portion of the prevailing rate of wage paid by the contractor or subcontractor to workers employed in the performance of a public works contract.

(b) A contractor or subcontractor violates paragraph (a) of this subsection if a person other than the contractor or subcontractor pays or contributes any portion of the prevailing rate of wage that the contractor or subcontractor owes or pays to workers who perform labor on a public works project or the person assumes an enforceable commitment to bear the costs of fringe benefits of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(b) that the contractor or subcontractor provides.

(c) For the purpose of this subsection, the prevailing rate of wage is the prevailing rate of wage specified in the contract.

(d) This subsection does not prohibit:

(A) Payments to a worker who is enrolled in any government-subsidized training or retraining program; or

(B) A surety or public agency from paying the prevailing rate of wage.

(7) A person may not take any action that circumvents the payment of the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed on a public works contract, including, but not limited to, reducing an employee's regular rate of pay on any project that is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 in a manner that has the effect of offsetting the prevailing rate of wage on a public works project. [2003 c.794 §167; 2009 c.161 §4; 2017 c.334 §4]

[no Port rule]

279C.845 Certified statements regarding payment of prevailing rates of wage; retainage.

(1) The contractor or the contractor's surety and every subcontractor or the subcontractor's surety shall file certified statements with the public agency in writing, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, certifying:

(a) The hourly rate of wage paid each worker whom the contractor or the subcontractor has employed upon the public works; and

(b) That no worker employed upon the public works has been paid less than the prevailing rate of wage or less than the minimum hourly rate of wage specified in the contract.

(2) The certified statement shall be verified by the oath of the contractor or the contractor's surety or subcontractor or the subcontractor's surety that the contractor or subcontractor has read the certified statement, that the contractor or subcontractor knows the contents of the certified statement and that to the contractor or subcontractor's knowledge the certified statement is true.

(3) The certified statements shall set out accurately and completely the contractor's or subcontractor's payroll records, including the name and address of each worker, the worker's correct classification, rate of pay, daily and weekly number of hours worked and the gross wages the worker earned upon the public works during each week identified in the certified statement.

(4) The contractor or subcontractor shall deliver or mail each certified statement required by subsection (1) of this section to the public agency. Certified statements for each week during which the contractor or subcontractor employs a worker upon the public works shall be submitted once a month, by the fifth business day of the following month. Information submitted on certified

statements may be used only to ensure compliance with the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(5) Each contractor or subcontractor shall preserve the certified statements for a period of three years from the date of completion of the contract.

(6) Certified statements received by a public agency are public records subject to the provisions of ORS 192.~~440311~~ to 192.~~505478~~.

(7) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.555 or 279C.570 (7), if a contractor is required to file certified statements under this section, the public agency shall retain 25 percent of any amount earned by the contractor on the public works until the contractor has filed with the public agency certified statements as required by this section. The public agency shall pay the contractor the amount retained under this subsection within 14 days after the contractor files the certified statements as required by this section, regardless of whether a subcontractor has failed to file certified statements as required by this section. The public agency is not required to verify the truth of the contents of certified statements filed by the contractor under this section.

(8) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.555, the contractor shall retain 25 percent of any amount earned by a first-tier subcontractor on a public works until the subcontractor has filed with the public agency certified statements as required by this section. The contractor shall verify that the first-tier subcontractor has filed the certified statements before the contractor may pay the subcontractor any amount retained under this subsection. The contractor shall pay the first-tier subcontractor the amount retained under this subsection within 14 days after the subcontractor files the certified statements as required by this section. Neither the public agency nor the contractor is required to verify the truth of the contents of certified statements filed by a first-tier subcontractor under this section. [2003 c.794 §169; 2005 c.360 §11; 2009 c.7 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.850 Inspection to determine whether prevailing rate of wage being paid; civil action for failure to pay prevailing rate of wage or overtime. (1) At any reasonable time the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may enter the office or business establishment of any contractor or subcontractor performing public works and gather facts and information necessary to determine whether the prevailing rate of wage is actually being paid by such contractor or subcontractor to workers upon public works.

(2) Upon request by the commissioner, every contractor or subcontractor performing work on public works shall make available to the commissioner for inspection during normal business hours any payroll or other records in the possession or under the control of the contractor or subcontractor that are deemed necessary by the commissioner to determine whether the prevailing rate of wage is actually being paid by such contractor or subcontractor to workers upon public works. The commissioner's request must be made a reasonable time in advance of the inspection.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 192.~~440311~~ to 192.~~505478~~, any record obtained or made by the commissioner under this section is not open to inspection by the public.

(4) The commissioner may, without necessity of an assignment, initiate legal proceedings against employers to enjoin future failures to pay required prevailing rates of wage or overtime pay and to require the payment of prevailing rates of wage or overtime pay due employees. The commissioner is entitled to recover, in addition to other costs, such sum as the court or judge may determine reasonable as attorney fees. If the commissioner does not prevail in the action, the commissioner shall pay all costs and disbursements from the Bureau of Labor and Industries Account. [2003 c.794 §170]

[no Port rule]

279C.855 Liability for violations. (1) A contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety that violates the provisions of ORS 279C.840 is liable to the workers affected in the amount of the workers' unpaid minimum wages, including all fringe benefits, and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid wages as liquidated damages.

(2) Actions to enforce liability to workers under subsection (1) of this section may be brought as actions on contractors' bonds as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(3) If a public agency fails to provide in the advertisement for bids, the request for bids, the contract specifications, the accepted bid or elsewhere in the contract documents that the contractor and any subcontractor must comply with ORS 279C.840, the liability of the public agency for unpaid minimum wages, as described in subsection (1) of this section, is joint and several with a contractor or subcontractor that had notice of the requirement to comply with ORS 279C.840.

(4) If a public works project is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq., and a public agency fails to include the state and federal prevailing rates of wage in the specifications for the contract for public works as required under ORS 279C.830 (1)(a), or fails to provide in the contract that workers on the public works must be paid not less than the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage as required under ORS 279C.830 (1)(d), the public agency is liable to each affected worker for:

(a) The worker's unpaid minimum wages, including fringe benefits, in an amount that equals, for each hour worked, the difference between the applicable higher rate of wage and the lower rate of wage; and

(b) An additional amount, equal to the amount of unpaid minimum wages due under paragraph (a) of this subsection, as liquidated damages.

(5) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may enforce the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section by a civil action under ORS 279C.850 (4), by a civil action on an assigned wage claim under ORS 652.330, or by an administrative proceeding on an assigned wage claim under ORS 652.332. [2003 c.794 §171; 2007 c.844 §6; 2011 c.265 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.860 Ineligibility for public works contracts for failure to pay or post notice of prevailing rates of wage; certified payroll reports to commissioner. (1) A contractor or a subcontractor or a firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or association in which the contractor or subcontractor has a financial interest may not receive a contract or subcontract for public works for a period of three years after the date on which the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries publishes the contractor's or subcontractor's name on the list described in subsection (2) of this section. The commissioner shall add a contractor's or subcontractor's name to the list after determining, in accordance with ORS chapter 183, that:

(a) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally failed or refused to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed upon public works;

(b) The contractor failed to pay to the contractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 and a surety or another person paid the amounts on the contractor's behalf;

(c) The subcontractor failed to pay to the subcontractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 and the contractor, a surety or another person paid the amounts on the subcontractor's behalf;

(d) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally failed or refused to post the prevailing rates of wage as required under ORS 279C.840 (4); or

(e) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally falsified information in the certified statements the contractor or subcontractor submitted under ORS 279C.845.

(2) The commissioner shall maintain a written list of the names of contractors and subcontractors the commissioner determines are ineligible under this section and the period of time for which the contractors and subcontractors are ineligible. The commissioner shall publish the list, furnish a copy of the list upon request and make the list available to contracting agencies.

(3) If a contractor or subcontractor is a corporation or a limited liability company, the provisions of this section apply to any corporate officer or agent of the corporation or any member or manager of the limited liability company who is responsible for failing or refusing to pay or post the prevailing rate of wage, failing to pay to the contractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 that a surety or other person pays on the contractor's behalf, failing to pay to a subcontractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 that the contractor, a surety or another person pays on the subcontractor's behalf or intentionally falsifying information in the certified statements the contractor or subcontractor submits under ORS 279C.845.

(4) For good cause shown, the commissioner may remove the name of a contractor or subcontractor from the ineligible list.

(5) If a prevailing rate of wage claim is filed or the commissioner receives evidence indicating that a violation has occurred, a contractor or subcontractor required to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed upon public works under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 shall send a certified copy of the payroll for workers employed upon public works when the commissioner requests the certified copy. [2003 c.794 §174; 2009 c.107 §1; 2013 c.239 §1; 2017 c.334 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.865 Civil penalties. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation of any provision of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or any rule the commissioner adopted under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(2) For purposes of this section, a failure to pay the required prevailing rate of wage and a failure to pay required fringe benefits are separate violations.

(3) Civil penalties under this section must be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

(4) All moneys collected as penalties under this section must be applied first toward reimbursing costs incurred in determining violations, conducting hearings and assessing and collecting the penalties. The remainder, if any, of moneys collected as penalties under this section must be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses. [2003 c.794 §177; 2017 c.334 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.870 Civil action to enforce payment of prevailing rates of wage. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or any other person may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction to require a public agency under a public contract with a contractor to withhold twice the wages in dispute if it is shown that the contractor or subcontractor on the contract has intentionally failed or refused to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed on that contract and to require the contractor to pay the prevailing rate of wage and any deficiencies that can be shown to exist because of improper wage payments already made. In addition to other relief, the court may also enjoin the contractor or subcontractor from committing future violations. The contractor or subcontractor involved shall be named as a party in all civil actions brought under this section. In addition to other costs, the court may award the prevailing party reasonable attorney fees at the trial and on appeal. However, attorney fees may not be awarded against the commissioner under this section.

(2) The court shall require any party, other than the commissioner, that brings a civil action under this section to post a bond sufficient to cover the estimated attorney fees and costs to the public agency and to the contractor or subcontractor of any temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction or permanent injunction awarded in the action, in the event that the party bringing the action does not ultimately prevail.

(3) In addition to any other relief, the court in a civil action brought under this section may enjoin the public agency from contracting with the contractor or subcontractor if the court finds that the commissioner would be entitled to place the contractor or subcontractor on the ineligible list established under ORS 279C.860. If the court issues such an injunction, the commissioner shall place the contractor or subcontractor on the list for a period of three years, subject to the provision of ORS 279C.860 (4). [2003 c.794 §176; 2007 c.764 §39; 2009 c.107 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.875 Criminal liability for intentional failure to pay prevailing wage; rules. (1) A contractor or subcontractor, or an agent of a contractor or subcontractor, may not intentionally:

(a) Fail to pay an employee of the contractor or subcontractor the prevailing rate of wage as provided in ORS 279C.840;

(b) Reduce the rate of wage that an employee would ordinarily receive for work that is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 in order to recoup wages the contractor, subcontractor or agent paid in accordance with ORS 279C.840;

(c) Withhold, deduct or divert any portion of an employee's wages except as provided in ORS 652.610 (3);

(d) Enter into an agreement with an employee under the terms of which the employee performs work on a public works project at less than the prevailing rate of wage; or

(e) Otherwise deprive an employee, permanently or indefinitely, of wages due to an employee under ORS 279C.840 in an amount that equals or exceeds 25 percent of wages due to the employee under ORS 279C.840 or \$1,000 in a single pay period, whichever is greater.

(2) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a Class C felony.

(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any action the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may bring under ORS 279C.870, the commissioner may:

(a) Refer a violation of subsection (1) of this section to a district attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution; and

(b) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section. [2016 c.115 §4]

[no Port rule]

[End of Division C]

PORT OF PORTLAND CONTRACTING RULES**2024 EDITION****Introduction****Adoption and Authority**

These Contracting Rules were adopted by the Port of Portland Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2005, and revised on March 8, 2006; July 9, 2008; November 10, 2010; December 12, 2012; May 14, 2014; May 11, 2016; July 11, 2018; December 9, 2020; and April 10, 2024 pursuant to the authority granted by ORS 279A.065(6).

Effective Date

These Contracting Rules became effective on April 10, 2024, with respect to public contracts entered into or advertised on or after that date.

Applicability

These Contracting Rules apply to the Port of Portland's public contracts under ORS Chapters 279A, 279B, and 279C. The Port is also subject to ORS Chapter 279, regarding contracts with qualified nonprofit agencies for individuals with disabilities (known as "Oregon Forward Contractors" or "OFCs" under OAR 125-055-0005). However, these Contracting Rules do not apply to the Port's contracts with OFCs.

Format

Those provisions of the Public Contracting Code (Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 279A, 279B, and 279C) applicable to Port of Portland public contracts and public improvement contracts are set forth in full herein. Provisions applicable only to state agencies are generally excluded. Excluded sections, subsections, paragraphs, etc. are denoted by "* * *." Compilers' notes generally have been omitted. The Port's unique Contracting Rule implementing or otherwise related to a particular statute, if any, appears immediately after each such statute, in italic text and within a shaded text box. This format has been utilized to facilitate the integrated application of statutory requirements and rule requirements to Port contracting.

Contract Review Board Rules Published Separately

These Contracting Rules do not include the Port of Portland's Contract Review Board Rules. The Contract Review Board Rules are published separately.

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279A.005 Short title. ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C may be cited as the Public Contracting Code. [2003 c.794 §1]

[no Port rule]

279A.010 Definitions for Public Contracting Code. (1) As used in the Public Contracting Code, unless the context or a specifically applicable definition requires otherwise:

(a) “Bidder” means a person that submits a bid in response to an invitation to bid.

(b) “Contracting agency” means a public body authorized by law to conduct a procurement. “Contracting agency” includes, but is not limited to, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and any person authorized by a contracting agency to conduct a procurement on the contracting agency’s behalf. “Contracting agency” does not include the judicial department or the legislative department.

(c) “Days” means calendar days.

(d) “Department” means the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(e) “Director” means the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a person designated by the director to carry out the authority of the director under the Public Contracting Code.

(f) “Emergency” means circumstances that:

(A) Could not have been reasonably foreseen;

(B) Create a substantial risk of loss, damage or interruption of services or a substantial threat to property, public health, welfare or safety; and

(C) Require prompt execution of a contract to remedy the condition.

(g) “Energy savings performance contract” means a public contract between a contracting agency and a qualified energy service company for the identification, evaluation, recommendation, design and construction of energy conservation measures, including a design-build contract, that guarantee energy savings or performance.

(h) “Executive department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.112.

(i) “Goods” includes supplies, equipment, materials, personal property, including any tangible, intangible and intellectual property and rights and licenses in relation thereto, and combinations of any of the items identified in this paragraph.

(j) “Goods and services” or “goods or services” includes combinations of any of the items identified in the definitions of “goods” and “services.”

(k)(A) “Grant” means:

(i) An agreement under which a contracting agency receives moneys, property or other assistance, including but not limited to federal assistance that is characterized as a grant by federal law or regulations, loans, loan guarantees, credit enhancements, gifts, bequests, commodities or other assets, from a grantor for the purpose of supporting or stimulating a program or activity of the contracting agency and in which no substantial involvement by the grantor is anticipated in the program or activity other than involvement associated with monitoring compliance with the grant conditions; or

(ii) An agreement under which a contracting agency provides moneys, property or other assistance, including but not limited to federal assistance that is characterized as a grant by federal law or regulations, loans, loan guarantees, credit enhancements, gifts, bequests, commodities or other assets, to a recipient for the purpose of supporting or stimulating a program or activity of the

recipient and in which no substantial involvement by the contracting agency is anticipated in the program or activity other than involvement associated with monitoring compliance with the grant conditions.

(B) “Grant” does not include a public contract for a public improvement, for public works, as defined in ORS 279C.800, or for emergency work, minor alterations or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement, when under the public contract a contracting agency pays, in consideration for contract performance intended to realize or to support the realization of the purposes for which grant funds were provided to the contracting agency, moneys that the contracting agency has received under a grant.

(L) “Industrial oil” means any compressor, turbine or bearing oil, hydraulic oil, metal-working oil or refrigeration oil.

(m) “Judicial department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.113.

(n) “Legislative department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.114.

(o) “Local contract review board” means a local contract review board described in ORS 279A.060.

(p) “Local contracting agency” means a local government or special government body authorized by law to conduct a procurement. “Local contracting agency” includes any person authorized by a local contracting agency to conduct a procurement on behalf of the local contracting agency.

(q) “Local government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

(r) “Lowest responsible bidder” means the lowest bidder who:

(A) Has substantially complied with all prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements;

(B) Has met the standards of responsibility set forth in ORS 279B.110 or 279C.375;

(C) Has not been debarred or disqualified by the contracting agency under ORS 279B.130 or 279C.440; and

(D) If the advertised contract is a public improvement contract, is not on the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227.

(s) “Lubricating oil” means any oil intended for use in an internal combustion crankcase, transmission, gearbox or differential or an automobile, bus, truck, vessel, plane, train, heavy equipment or machinery powered by an internal combustion engine.

(t) “Person” means a natural person capable of being legally bound, a sole proprietorship, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company or partnership, a limited partnership, a for-profit or nonprofit unincorporated association, a business trust, two or more persons having a joint or common economic interest, any other person with legal capacity to contract or a public body.

(u) “Post-consumer waste” means a finished material that would normally be disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item. “Post-consumer waste” does not include manufacturing waste.

(v) “Price agreement” means a public contract for the procurement of goods or services at a set price with:

(A) No guarantee of a minimum or maximum purchase; or

(B) An initial order or minimum purchase combined with a continuing contractor obligation to provide goods or services in which the contracting agency does not guarantee a minimum or maximum additional purchase.

(w) “Procurement” means the act of purchasing, leasing, renting or otherwise acquiring goods or services. “Procurement” includes each function and procedure undertaken or required to be undertaken by a contracting agency to enter into a public contract, administer a public contract and obtain the performance of a public contract under the Public Contracting Code.

(x) “Proposer” means a person that submits a proposal in response to a request for proposals.

(y) “Public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

(z) “Public contract” means a sale or other disposal, or a purchase, lease, rental or other acquisition, by a contracting agency of personal property, services, including personal services, public improvements, public works, minor alterations, or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement. “Public contract” does not include grants.

(aa) “Public contracting” means procurement activities described in the Public Contracting Code relating to obtaining, modifying or administering public contracts or price agreements.

(bb) “Public Contracting Code” or “code” means ORS chapters 279A, 279B and 279C.

(cc) “Public improvement” means a project for construction, reconstruction or major renovation on real property by or for a contracting agency. “Public improvement” does not include:

(A) Projects for which no funds of a contracting agency are directly or indirectly used, except for participation that is incidental or related primarily to project design or inspection; or

(B) Emergency work, minor alteration, ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement.

(dd) “Public improvement contract” means a public contract for a public improvement. “Public improvement contract” does not include a public contract for emergency work, minor alterations, or ordinary repair or maintenance necessary to preserve a public improvement.

(ee) “Recycled material” means any material that would otherwise be a useless, unwanted or discarded material except for the fact that the material still has useful physical or chemical properties after serving a specific purpose and can, therefore, be reused or recycled.

(ff) “Recycled oil” means used oil that has been prepared for reuse as a petroleum product by refining, rerefining, reclaiming, reprocessing or other means, provided that the preparation or use is operationally safe, environmentally sound and complies with all laws and regulations.

(gg) “Recycled paper” means a paper product with not less than:

(A) Fifty percent of its fiber weight consisting of secondary waste materials; or

(B) Twenty-five percent of its fiber weight consisting of post-consumer waste.

(hh) “Recycled PETE” means post-consumer polyethylene terephthalate material.

(ii) “Recycled product” means all materials, goods and supplies, not less than 50 percent of the total weight of which consists of secondary and post-consumer waste with not less than 10 percent of its total weight consisting of post-consumer waste. “Recycled product” includes any product that could have been disposed of as solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item, but otherwise is refurbished for reuse without substantial alteration of the product’s form.

(jj) “Secondary waste materials” means fragments of products or finished products of a manufacturing process that has converted a virgin resource into a commodity of real economic value. “Secondary waste materials” includes post-consumer waste. “Secondary waste materials” does not include excess virgin resources of the manufacturing process. For paper, “secondary waste materials” does not include fibrous waste generated during the manufacturing process such as fibers recovered from waste water or trimmings of paper machine rolls, mill broke, wood slabs, chips, sawdust or other wood residue from a manufacturing process.

(kk) “Services” mean services other than personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, except that, for state contracting agencies with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or 279A.140, “services” includes personal services as designated by the state contracting agencies.

(LL) “Special government body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.117.

(mm) “State agency” means the executive department, except the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer in the performance of the duties of their constitutional offices.

(nn) “State contracting agency” means an executive department entity authorized by law to conduct a procurement.

(oo) “State government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.111.

(pp) “Used oil” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459A.555.

(qq) “Virgin oil” means oil that has been refined from crude oil and that has not been used or contaminated with impurities.

(2) Other definitions appearing in the Public Contracting Code and the sections in which they appear are:

(a)	“Administering contracting agency”	ORS 279A.200
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(aaa)	“Responsible bidder”	ORS 279A.105 and 279B.005
(bbb)	“Responsible proposer”	ORS 279B.005
(ccc)	“Responsive bid”	ORS 279B.005
(ddd)	“Responsive proposal”	ORS 279B.005
(eee)	“Retainage”	ORS 279C.550
(fff)	“Special procurement”	ORS 279B.085
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(hhh)	“State agency”	ORS 279A.250
(iii)	“Substantial completion”	ORS 279C.465
(jjj)	“Surplus property”	ORS 279A.250
(kkk)	“Transportation planning services”	ORS 279C.100
(LLL)	“Unnecessarily restrictive”	ORS 279B.405

[2003 c.794 §2; 2003 c.794 §2a; 2005 c.22 §199; 2005 c.103 §1a; 2005 c.153 §2; 2005 c.360 §13; 2007 c.764 §1; 2011 c.458 §8; 2017 c.715 §4]

Port Rule A.010 Definition of Disaster

As used in the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

"Disaster" means a severe storm, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, drought, fire, earthquake, explosion, war, acts of terrorism, civil disturbance, or other catastrophe that causes or may cause substantial damage or injury to persons or property within the Port's boundaries or area of jurisdiction.

279A.015 Policy. It is the policy of the State of Oregon, in enacting the Public Contracting Code, that a sound and responsive public contracting system should:

(1) Simplify, clarify and modernize procurement practices so that they reflect the marketplace and industry standards.

(2) Instill public confidence through ethical and fair dealing, honesty and good faith on the part of government officials and those who do business with the government.

(3) Promote efficient use of state and local government resources, maximizing the economic investment in public contracting within this state.

(4) Clearly identify rules and policies that implement each of the legislatively mandated socioeconomic programs that overlay public contracting and accompany the expenditure of public funds.

(5) Allow impartial and open competition, protecting both the integrity of the public contracting process and the competitive nature of public procurement. In public procurement, as set out in ORS chapter 279B, meaningful competition may be obtained by evaluation of performance factors and other aspects of service and product quality, as well as pricing, in arriving at best value.

(6) Provide a public contracting structure that can take full advantage of evolving procurement methods as they emerge within various industries, while preserving competitive bidding as the standard for public improvement contracts unless otherwise exempted. [2003 c.794 §3]

Port Rule A.015 Policy

The Port of Portland's Contracting Rules are intended to fully implement the Public Contracting Code, maximize the Port's flexibility in adjusting its contracting procedure to the specific circumstances of each procurement, and to ensure that the Port receives the maximum benefit from the public funds expended on public contracts.

279A.020 Organization of Public Contracting Code. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, all public contracting by a contracting agency is subject to this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting involving public improvements and other construction services is subject to this chapter and ORS chapter 279C, but not ORS chapter 279B.

(3) Public contracting involving architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners, land surveyors and related services is subject to this chapter and ORS chapter 279C, but not ORS chapter 279B.

(4) Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, all other public contracting is subject to this chapter and ORS chapter 279B, but not ORS chapter 279C. [2003 c.794 §4; 2005 c.103 §2; 2011 c.458 §9]

[no Port rule]

279A.025 Application of Public Contracting Code. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Public Contracting Code applies to all public contracting.

(2) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to:

(a) Contracts between a contracting agency and:

(A) Another contracting agency;

(B) The Oregon Health and Science University;

(C) A public university listed in ORS 352.002;

(D) The Oregon State Bar;

(E) A governmental body of another state;

(F) The federal government;

(G) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

(H) A nation, or a governmental body in a nation, other than the United States; or

(I) An intergovernmental entity formed between or among:

(i) Governmental bodies of this or another state;

(ii) The federal government;

(iii) An American Indian tribe or an agency of an American Indian tribe;

(iv) A nation other than the United States; or

(v) A governmental body in a nation other than the United States;

(b) Agreements authorized by ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or agencies;

(c) Insurance and service contracts as provided for under ORS 414.115, 414.125, 414.135 and 414.145 for purposes of source selection;

(d) Grants;

(e) Contracts for professional or expert witnesses or consultants to provide services or testimony relating to existing or potential litigation or legal matters in which a public body is or may become interested;

(f) Acquisitions or disposals of real property or interest in real property;

(g) Sole-source expenditures when rates are set by law or ordinance for purposes of source selection;

(h) Contracts for the procurement or distribution of textbooks;

(i) Procurements by a contracting agency from an Oregon Corrections Enterprises program;

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(q) Contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or established in connection with:

(A) The issuance of obligations, as defined in ORS 286A.100 and 287A.310, of a public body;

(B) Program loans and similar extensions or advances of funds, aid or assistance that a public body makes to a public or private body for the purpose of carrying out, promoting or sustaining activities or programs authorized by law; or

(C) The investment of funds by a public body as authorized by law, and other financial transactions of a public body that by their character cannot practically be established under the competitive contractor selection procedures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085;

(r) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.105 (1), 243.125 (4), 243.221, 243.275, 243.291, 243.303 and 243.565;

(s) Contracts for employee benefit plans as provided in ORS 243.860 to 243.886; or

(t) Any other public contracting of a public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(3) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to the contracting activities of:

* * *

(k) Any other public body specifically exempted from the code by another provision of law.

(4) ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225 and 279B.050 to 279B.085 do not apply to contracts made with qualified nonprofit agencies providing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855. [2003 c.794 §5; 2003 c.794 §5a; 2005 c.22 §200; 2005 c.103 §3; 2005 c.109 §3; 2005 c.297 §3; 2005 c.748 §12; 2005 c.777 §15; 2007 c.7 §19; 2007 c.70 §67; 2007 c.71 §81; 2007 c.764 §2; 2007 c.783 §91; 2011 c.637 §88; 2013 c.492 §28; 2013 c.768 §123; 2015 c.447 §3; 2015 c.843 §19; 2017 c.183 §94; 2017 c.533 §3; 2019 c.90 §1; 2021 c.351 §19; 2023 c.193 §13]

Port Rule A.025 Financial Transactions

For purposes of ORS 279A.025(2)(q)(A), contracts, agreements or other documents entered into, issued or established in connection with the Port of Portland's issuance of obligations as defined in ORS 287A.310 include, without limitation: (i) agreements for dealer/underwriter, ratings agency, escrow, trustee, registrar, verification agent, and issuing/paying agent services; (ii) continuing covenant agreements; (iii) reimbursement agreements; (iv) bond insurance; (v) surety bonds; and (v) liquidity facilities such as letters or lines of credit.

279A.030 Federal law prevails in case of conflict. Except as otherwise expressly provided in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, and notwithstanding ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 and this chapter and ORS chapter 279B, applicable federal statutes and regulations govern when federal funds are involved and the federal statutes or regulations conflict with any provision of ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 or this chapter or ORS chapter 279B, or require additional conditions in public contracts not authorized by ORS 279C.005 to 279C.670 or this chapter or ORS chapter 279B. [2003 c.794 §6]

[no Port rule]

Authority

279A.050 Procurement authority. (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, a contracting agency shall exercise all of the contracting agency’s procurement authority in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contracting Code.

(b) If a contracting agency has authority under this section to carry out functions described in this section, or has authority to make procurements under a provision of law other than the Public Contracting Code, the contracting agency need not exercise the contracting agency’s authority in accordance with the provisions of the code if, under ORS 279A.025, the code does not apply to the contract or contracting agency.

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[2003 c.794 §7; 2005 c.625 §61; 2007 c.70 §68; 2007 c.197 §1; 2007 c.764 §3; 2009 c.397 §2; 2009 c.828 §13; 2011 c.658 §36; 2011 c.720 §73a; 2013 c.492 §29; 2015 c.167 §1; 2015 c. 243 §7; 2015 c.447 §4; 2015 c.807 §22; 2017 c.726 §1; 2021 c.631 §17; 2023 c.26 §6; 2023 c.193 §§14,15]

[no Port rule]

279A.055 Personal services contracts. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279A.140, a contracting agency may enter into personal services contracts. The provisions of this section do not relieve a contracting agency of the duty to comply with ORS 279A.140, any other law applicable to state agencies or applicable city or county charter provisions.

(2) A state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contract review board by ordinance, resolution, administrative rule or other regulation may designate certain service contracts or classes of service contracts as personal services contracts. [2003 c.794 §8; 2005 c.103 §4]

[no Port rule; Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 defines “personal services”; see also Port Rule B.500]

279A.060 Local contract review boards. If the governing body of a local contracting agency takes no action to provide otherwise, the governing body is the local contract review board of that local contracting agency. However, the governing body of a local contracting agency may, by charter, ordinance or other local legislation, authorize a body, board or commission other than the governing body to serve as the local contract review board of the local contracting agency. The governing body of a local contracting agency also may enter into intergovernmental agreements under ORS chapter 190 to permit the local contract review board of another local contracting

agency or the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to exercise authority under ORS 279B.085. [2003 c.794 §9]

[no Port rule]

279A.065 Model rules generally; applicability to contracting agencies. (1) The Attorney General shall prepare and maintain model rules that specify procedures for public contracting under the Public Contracting Code and that are appropriate for all contracting agencies to use. The Attorney General may devise and publish forms for use with the model rules. The Attorney General shall adopt the model rules in accordance with ORS chapter 183. Before adopting or amending a model rule, the Attorney General shall consult with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation, representatives of county governments, representatives of city governments, representatives of school boards and other knowledgeable persons.

(2) The Attorney General shall adopt model rules that specify procedures for all contracting agencies to use to enter into energy savings performance contracts. Before adopting or amending a rule under this subsection, the Attorney General shall consult with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the State Department of Energy, local contracting agencies and other knowledgeable persons. The Attorney General may develop standard contract forms for use with energy savings performance contracts.

(3)(a) The Attorney General shall adopt model rules that specify procedures for all contracting agencies to use to procure construction manager/general contractor services. Before adopting or amending a rule under this subsection, the Attorney General shall consult with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation, local contracting agencies, construction contractors, construction subcontractors and other knowledgeable persons.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (6) of this section, a contracting agency may not adopt the contracting agency's own rules for procuring construction manager/general contractor services.

(4) After each legislative session, the Attorney General shall review all laws the Legislative Assembly passed that affect public contracting to determine if the Attorney General should amend or repeal a model rule prepared under this section or adopt a new rule. If the Attorney General determines that a modification of the model rules is necessary, the Attorney General shall prepare the modification within such time as to allow the modification to take effect no later than 120 days after the effective date of the legislation that caused the Attorney General to modify the rule. The Attorney General may prepare a modification to take effect 121 or more days after the effective date of the legislation if the Attorney General, in a notice to the state agencies and persons listed in subsection (1) of this section, specifies when the modification will take effect.

(5) A contracting agency that has not adopted the contracting agency's own rules of procedure in accordance with subsection (6) of this section is subject to the model rules the Attorney General adopts under this section, including all modifications to the model rules that the Attorney General may adopt.

(6)(a) A contracting agency may adopt the contracting agency's own rules of procedure for public contracts that:

(A) Specifically state that the model rules the Attorney General adopts under this section do not apply to the contracting agency; and

(B) Prescribe the rules of procedure that the contracting agency will use for public contracts, which may include portions of the model rules the Attorney General adopts.

(b) A contracting agency that adopts rules under this subsection shall review the rules each time the Attorney General modifies the model rules under this section to determine whether the contracting agency should modify the contracting agency's rules to ensure compliance with

statutory changes. [2003 c.794 §10; 2003 c.794 §10a; 2011 c.458 §10; 2013 c.522 §4; 2015 c.767 §80]

Port Rule A.065 Attorney General Model Rules Not Applicable to Port of Portland

Except as the Public Contracting Code may expressly require (for example, ORS 279C.337(1)), pursuant to ORS 279A.065(6)(a)(A) the model rules adopted by the Attorney General under ORS 279A.065 do not apply to the Port of Portland. The Port's Contracting Rules set forth herein in italic text and within shaded text boxes prescribe the rules of procedure that the Port of Portland uses for its public contracts, some of which include portions of the model rules adopted by the Attorney General.

279A.070 Rules. In addition to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 (6), a contracting agency may, in exercising authority granted under ORS 279A.050, adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the Public Contracting Code, including but not limited to rules for procuring, managing, disposing of and controlling goods, services, personal services and public improvements under the Public Contracting Code. Each contracting agency authorized to enter into personal services contracts shall create procedures to screen and select persons to perform personal services. [2003 c.794 §11; 2003 c.794 §11a; 2013 c.522 §5]

[no Port rule; see specific rules]

279A.075 Delegation. (1) Unless otherwise provided in the Public Contracting Code, a person or agency that has an authority under the code may delegate and subdelegate the exercise of the authority in whole or in part. Notwithstanding delegations of authority under this section, the code and rules adopted under the code govern a person's or agency's exercise of the delegated authority.

* * * [2003 c.794 §12; 2015 c.807 §23]

[no Port rule]

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Minority-Owned Businesses, Woman-Owned Businesses, Veteran-Owned Businesses and Emerging Small Businesses

279A.100 Affirmative action; limited competition permitted. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Affirmative action" means a program designed to ensure equal opportunity in employment and business for persons otherwise disadvantaged by reason of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or physical or mental disability or a policy to give a preference in awarding public contracts to disabled veterans.

(b) "Disabled veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

(2) The provisions of the Public Contracting Code may not be construed to prohibit a contracting agency from engaging in public contracting practices designed to promote affirmative action goals, policies or programs for disadvantaged or minority groups or to give a preference in awarding public contracts to disabled veterans.

(3) In carrying out an affirmative action goal, policy or program, a contracting agency by appropriate ordinance, resolution or rule may limit competition for a public contract for goods and services, or for any other public contract estimated to cost \$50,000 or less, to contracting entities owned or controlled by persons described in subsection (1) of this section. [2003 c.794 §13; 2009 c.235 §1]

Port Rule A.100 Affirmative Action

The Port of Portland may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.100(3) if the Port's legal counsel determines that the exercise of authority would be legally permissible, and if the Port determines that the exercise of authority would be desirable under the particular circumstances.

279A.105 Subcontracting to emerging small businesses or veteran-owned businesses. (1)

A contracting agency may require a contractor to subcontract some part of a contract to, or to obtain materials for use in performing the contract from, a business that is certified under ORS 200.055 as an emerging small business or as a veteran-owned business.

(2) A contracting agency may require a contractor to subcontract some part of a contract to, or to obtain materials to be used in performing the contract from, a business that is certified under ORS 200.055 as an emerging small business and that, as identified by the contracting agency, is located in or draws the business's workforce from economically distressed areas, as designated by the Oregon Business Development Department.

(3) A contracting agency may require that a public contract be awarded to a responsible bidder or proposer, as defined in ORS 200.005, that the contracting agency determines has made good faith efforts as prescribed in ORS 200.045. [2003 c.794 §14; 2005 c.103 §5; 2009 c.235 §2; 2015 c.565 §12; 2023 c.497 §11]

Port Rule A.105 Subcontracting to Emerging Small Businesses or Veteran-Owned Businesses; Disqualification and Suspension for Statutory Violations**(1) Subcontracting to Emerging Small Businesses – Economically Distressed Areas**

For purposes of ORS 279A.105(2), a subcontractor certified under 200.055 as an emerging small business is located in or draws its workforce from economically distressed areas if:

(a) Its principal place of business is located in an area designated as economically distressed under administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Business Development Department; or

(b) The contractor certifies in writing to the Port that a substantial number of the subcontractor's employees or subcontractors that will manufacture or provide the goods or perform the services or personal services under the contract reside in an area designated as economically distressed under administrative rules adopted by the Oregon Business Development Department. For purposes of making the foregoing determination, the Port shall determine in each particular instance what proportion of a subcontractor's employees or subcontractors constitutes a "substantial number."

(2) Authority to Implement ORS 279A.105 in Port Procurements

The Port may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.105(1), (2), or (3) when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, on a case-by-case basis, that it is in the Port's best interests to include such a requirement in a procurement.

(3) Disqualification and Suspension for Statutory Violations

(a) The Port may disqualify a person from consideration for award of a contract under ORS 200.065(5), or suspend a person's right to bid on or participate in any public contract under ORS 200.075(1), after providing the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard in accordance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(b) The Port shall notify the person in writing of a proposed disqualification pursuant to this section, served personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. This notice shall:

(A) State that the Port intends to disqualify or suspend the person;

(B) Set forth the reasons for the disqualification;

(C) Include a statement of the person's right to a hearing if requested in writing within the time stated in the notice and that if the Port does not receive the person's written request for a hearing within the time stated, the person shall have waived its right to a hearing;

(D) Include a statement of the authority under which the hearing will be held;

(E) Include a reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved;

(F) State the proposed disqualification period; and

(G) State that the person may be represented by legal counsel.

(c) The Port shall schedule a hearing upon the Port's receipt of the person's timely request. The Port shall notify the person of the time and place of the hearing and provide information on the procedures, right of representation and other rights related to the conduct of the hearing prior to hearing.

(f) Notice of disqualification. The Port will notify the person in writing of its disqualification, served personally or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall contain:

(A) The effective date and period of disqualification;

(B) The grounds for disqualification; and

(C) A statement of the person's appeal rights and applicable appeal deadlines.

279A.107 Certification as disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business or emerging small business during term of public contract; exceptions. (1) A contracting agency that under ORS 279A.105 awards a public contract to a responsible bidder, as defined in ORS 200.005, that has made good faith efforts, as described in ORS 200.045 (3), or that awards a public contract in the course of carrying out an affirmative action goal, policy or program under ORS 279A.100 shall:

(a) Provide as a material condition of the public contract that a contractor remain certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business or emerging small business under ORS 200.055 for the entire term of the public contract, if the contracting agency awarded the public contract, in whole or in part, on the basis of the contractor's certification.

(b) Require a contractor to provide in the contractor's subcontracts that a subcontractor remain certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise, minority-owned business, woman-owned business, veteran-owned business or emerging small business under ORS 200.055 for the entire term of the subcontract, if the contractor awards the subcontract, in whole or in part, on the basis of the subcontractor's certification.

(c) Verify the contractor's or subcontractor's compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(d) Verify that a contractor is paying a subcontractor that is certified under ORS 200.055 promptly as provided in ORS 279B.220 or 279C.570, as appropriate.

(2)(a) If a contracting agency determines at any time during the term of a public contract that a contractor to which the contracting agency awarded the public contract on the basis described in subsection (1) of this section, or a subcontractor to which the contractor awarded a subcontract in connection with the public contract on the basis described in subsection (1) of this section, is no longer certified, the contracting agency may:

(A) Terminate the public contract;

(B) Require the contractor to terminate the subcontract; or

(C) Exercise any of the remedies for breach of contract that are reserved in the public contract.

(b) The actions a contracting agency may take under paragraph (a) of this subsection are in addition to and not in lieu of any other action the Oregon Business Development Department may take with respect to the contractor or subcontractor under ORS 200.065.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply to an emerging small business as defined in ORS 200.005 that, because of growth in the number of full-time equivalent employees or average annual gross receipts that occurs during the term of the public contract, no longer qualifies as a tier one firm or tier two firm, as those terms are defined in ORS 200.005, or for which a certification under ORS 200.055 expires during the term of the public contract. [2015 c.325 §2; 2015 c.565 §26; 2023 c.497 §12]

[no Port rule]

279A.110 Discrimination in subcontracting prohibited; remedies. (1) A bidder or proposer that competes for or is awarded a public contract may not discriminate against a subcontractor in awarding a subcontract because the subcontractor is a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a veteran-owned business or an emerging small business that is certified under ORS 200.055.

(2) A contracting agency may debar or disqualify, under ORS 279B.130 or 279C.440, as appropriate, a bidder or proposer if the contracting agency finds that the bidder or proposer has violated subsection (1) of this section in awarding a subcontract in connection with a contract the contracting agency advertised or otherwise solicited or a contract between the contracting agency and the bidder or proposer. A debarred or disqualified bidder or proposer may appeal the debarment or disqualification under ORS 279B.425 or ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450, as appropriate.

(3) A contracting agency may not allege an occurrence of discrimination in subcontracting as a basis for debarment or disqualifying a bidder or proposer under subsection (2) of this section more than three years after the alleged discriminatory conduct occurred or more than three years after the contracting agency, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered the conduct, whichever is later.

(4) A bidder or proposer shall certify in the bid or proposal that the bidder or proposer has not discriminated and will not discriminate, in violation of subsection (1) of this section, against a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a veteran-owned business or an emerging small business in awarding a subcontract.

(5) If a contracting agency awards a public contract to a contractor and the contractor violates the contractor's certification under subsection (4) of this section, the contracting agency may regard the violation as a breach of contract that permits the contracting agency to:

- (a) Terminate the contract; or
- (b) Exercise any of the remedies for breach of contract that are reserved in the contract. [2003 c.794 §15; 2009 c.235 §3; 2015 c.565 §13; 2023 c.497 §13]

[no Port rule]

279A.112 Requirement to certify that contractor has policy and practice of preventing sexual harassment, sexual assault and discrimination against employees who are members of protected class; required elements of certification; exceptions. * * * [2017 c.212 §2]

[no Port rule]

Contract Preferences

279A.120 Preference for Oregon goods and services; nonresident bidders. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Nonresident bidder” means a bidder who is not a resident bidder.

(b) “Resident bidder” means a bidder that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in this state during the 12 calendar months immediately preceding submission of the bid, has a business address in this state and has stated in the bid whether the bidder is a “resident bidder” under this paragraph.

(2) For the purposes of awarding a public contract, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Give preference to goods or services that have been manufactured or produced in this state if price, fitness, availability and quality are otherwise equal; and

(b) Add a percent increase to the bid of a nonresident bidder equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to the bidder in the state in which the bidder resides.

(3) When a public contract is awarded to a nonresident bidder and the contract price exceeds \$10,000, the bidder shall promptly report to the Department of Revenue on forms to be provided by the department the total contract price, terms of payment, length of contract and such other information as the department may require before the bidder may receive final payment on the public contract. The contracting agency shall satisfy itself that the requirement of this subsection has been complied with before the contracting agency issues a final payment on a public contract.

(4) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services on or before January 1 of each year shall publish a list of states that give preference to in-state bidders with the percent increase applied in each state. A contracting agency may rely on the names of states and percentages so published in determining the lowest responsible bidder without incurring any liability to any bidder. [2003 c.794 §16]

Port Rule A.120 Preference for Oregon Goods and Services; Nonresident Bidders

If low bids or quotations are tied, the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then the Port of Portland shall award the contract to the offeror whose goods or services are manufactured or produced in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then Port shall award the contract by drawing lots among those offering goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, then the Port shall award the contract by drawing lots among the tied offerors.

279A.125 Preference for recycled materials. (1) Notwithstanding provisions of law requiring a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation and subject to subsection (2) of this section, a contracting agency charged with the procurement of goods for any public use shall give preference to the procurement of goods manufactured from recycled materials.

(2) A contracting agency shall give preference to goods that are certified to be made from recycled materials if:

- (a) The recycled product is available;
- (b) The recycled product meets applicable standards;
- (c) The recycled product can be substituted for a comparable nonrecycled product; and
- (d) The recycled product's costs do not exceed the costs of nonrecycled products by more than five percent, or a higher percentage if a written determination is made by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §17]

[no Port rule]

279A.128 Preference for goods fabricated or processed within state or services performed within state. (1) As used in this section, "services" means services as defined in ORS 279A.010 (1)(kk) and personal services designated under ORS 279A.055.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding provisions of law requiring a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation, a contracting agency that uses public funds to procure goods or services for a public use under ORS chapter 279B may give preference to:

(A) Procuring goods or services provided by a benefit company that is incorporated, organized, formed or created under ORS 60.754, that submits with a bid or proposal a certificate of existence issued under ORS 60.027 and has the majority of the benefit company's regular, full-time workforce located in this state at the time the benefit company submits the bid or proposal, if the goods or services cost not more than five percent more than goods or services available from a contractor that is not a benefit company; or

(B) Procuring goods that are fabricated or processed, or services that are performed, entirely within this state if the goods or services cost not more than 10 percent more than goods that are not fabricated or processed, or services that are not performed, entirely within this state.

(b) If more than one bidder or proposer qualifies for a preference described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contracting agency may give a further preference to a qualifying bidder or proposer that resides in or is headquartered in this state.

(c) The contracting agency by order may set a higher percentage than the percentages set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection if the contracting agency, in a written determination to support the order, finds good cause to set the higher percentage and explains the contracting agency's reasons and evidence for the finding.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.320 (1), subsection (2) of this section does not apply to emergency work, minor alterations, ordinary repairs or maintenance work for public improvements or to other construction contracts described in ORS 279C.320 (1). [2009 c.214 §2; 2011 c.237 §1; 2023 c.559 §1]

Port Rule A.128 Authority to Implement ORS 279A.128 in Port Procurements

The Port may exercise its authority under ORS 279A.128 (2) when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, on a case-by-case basis, that it is in the Port's best interests to give such a preference in a procurement.

279A.130 Preference for exceeding Buy America requirements for transit projects; rules.

(1) Notwithstanding provisions of law that require a contracting agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation, a contracting agency that receives and uses funds from the federal government or an agency of the federal government for a transit project may give preference to a bidder or proposer that exceeds federal Buy America requirements that apply to federally funded transit projects, as permitted under 49 C.F.R. 661.21 as that regulation existed on March 16, 2012.

(2) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Attorney General may adopt rules under ORS 279A.065 and establish policies and procedures to implement subsection (1) of this section. [2012 c.58 §2]

[no Port rule]

State Procurement

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Intergovernmental Relations**Generally**

279A.180 Purchases through federal programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Public Contracting Code, a procurement may be made without competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals or other competition required under ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085 provided that:

(1) The procurement is made in accordance with rules adopted by the contracting agency for procurements under this section; and

(2) The procurement is made under 10 U.S.C. 381, the Electronic Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347) or other federal law that is, as determined by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a local contract review board, similar to 10 U.S.C. 381 or section 211 of the Electronic Government Act of 2002 in effectuating or promoting transfers of property to contracting agencies. [2003 c.794 §22]

Port Rule A.180 Purchases through Federal Programs

The Port of Portland may procure goods or services through agencies of the federal government, either directly or through the State of Oregon, and from vendors to agencies of the federal government if the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the procurement would be in the best interest of the Port. Procurements under this section are permitted only if expressly permitted by federal law, and shall be made in accordance with procedures established by the responsible federal agencies. If the procurement is also through the State of Oregon, the procurement also shall comply with procedures established by the State of Oregon. The procurements authorized by this section include without limitation: (1)

procurements under 10 U.S.C. 381 through the State of Oregon and the Department of Defense of law enforcement equipment suitable for counter-drug activities; and (2) procurements under P.L. 107-347, section 211, through General Services Administration supply schedules of automated data processing equipment (including firmware), software, supplies, support equipment, and services (as contained in federal supply classification code group 70).

279A.185 Local contracting agency arrangements for use or disposition of personal property authorized. (1) Notwithstanding the competitive procurement requirements of ORS chapters 279B and 279C, a local contracting agency may sell, transfer or dispose of personal property in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.070.

(2) Notwithstanding the competitive procurement requirements of ORS chapters 279B and 279C, a local contracting agency may negotiate with one or more private or public entities to establish contracts, agreements and other cooperative arrangements for the use, operation, maintenance or ultimate lawful disposition of personal property owned by or under the control of the local contracting agency, including property acquired under ORS 279A.260. Before approving such a contract, agreement or arrangement, the governing body of the local contracting agency must make a finding that the contract, agreement or arrangement will promote the economic development of the local contracting agency, of the geographical area in which the local contracting agency is situated or of other public bodies that perform similar functions. [2003 c.794 §23]

Port Rule A.185 *Disposition of Surplus Personal Property*

(1) The Port of Portland may sell, transfer, or dispose of personal property no longer required for Port purposes (“Surplus Property”) as follows:

(a) Sale. If the Port elects to sell Surplus Property, the sale shall be by sealed competitive bid or by auction unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that another method of sale will better serve the Port’s interests. Alternative methods of sale include without limitation sale through the State of Oregon’s surplus property program and sale via an electronic auction, such as e-Bay.

(b) Transfer in Promotion of Port Interests. The Port may transfer Surplus Property to a public entity, private entity, or charitable organization if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the transfer will promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, or industrial interests of the Port, and that the value to the Port of such promotion exceeds the amount the Port would likely realize if the Surplus Property were sold.

(c) Disposal. The Port may dispose of Surplus Property by depositing it in a landfill or waste transfer station, or otherwise disposing of it without a sale or transfer under subsections (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this rule, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that such a disposal results in the least net cost to the Port.

(d) Transfer for Less Cost than Disposal. The Port may dispose of Surplus Property by transferring it to a public entity, private entity, or charitable organization if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that the transfer results in a net cost to the Port less than if the Port were to dispose of the property under subsection (1)(c) of this rule. Preference among transferees shall be given to those whose activities tend to promote the maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, or industrial interests of the Port.

(2) *Specific processes for implementing this rule may be established in Port-wide policies, procedures, guidelines, or standards.*

(3) *In evaluating the Port’s maritime, shipping, aviation, commercial, and industrial interests under this rule, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may consider the Port’s mission and core values as updated from time to time, including without limitation building shared prosperity for the region through travel, trade, and economic development.*

279A.190 Transfers of fire protection equipment between fire departments. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) “Fire protection equipment” has the meaning given that term in ORS 476.005.
- (b) “Public contract” includes a sale at no cost.
- (c) “Regularly organized fire department” has the meaning given that term in ORS 652.050.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Public Contracting Code, transfers of fire protection equipment under public contracts between regularly organized fire departments may be made without competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals or other competition required in ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085, provided:

- (a) The recipient regularly organized fire department makes a written request for the fire protection equipment to the transferor regularly organized fire department;
- (b) The fire protection equipment is surplus to or unusable by the transferor;
- (c) The total fair market value of fire protection equipment received by the recipient does not exceed \$50,000 per calendar year; and
- (d) The transferor holds a public hearing, with hearing notice published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation a minimum of 14 days before the hearing, and finds that the public contract is in the public’s interest. [2003 c.794 §24]

[no Port rule]

Cooperative Procurement

279A.200 Definitions for ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225. (1) As used in ORS 279A.200 to 279A.225:

(a) “Administering contracting agency” means a governmental body in this state or in another jurisdiction that solicits and establishes the original contract for the procurement of goods, services or public improvements in a cooperative procurement.

(b) “Cooperative procurement” means a procurement conducted on behalf of more than one governmental body. “Cooperative procurement” includes but is not limited to multiagency contracts and price agreements. “Cooperative procurement” does not include an agreement formed among only governmental bodies under ORS chapter 190 or by a statute, charter provision, ordinance or other authority for establishing agreements between or among governmental bodies or agencies or tribal governing bodies or agencies.

(c) “Cooperative procurement group” means a group of governmental bodies joined through an intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of facilitating cooperative procurements.

(d) “Interstate cooperative procurement” means a permissive cooperative procurement in which the administering contracting agency is a governmental body, domestic or foreign, that is authorized under the governmental body’s laws, rules or regulations to enter into public contracts and in which one or more of the participating governmental bodies are located outside this state.

(e) “Joint cooperative procurement” means a cooperative procurement in which the participating governmental bodies or the cooperative procurement group and the bodies’ or group’s contract requirements or estimated contract requirements for price agreements are identified.

(f) “Original contract” means the initial contract or price agreement solicited and awarded during a cooperative procurement by an administering contracting agency.

(g) “Permissive cooperative procurement” means a cooperative procurement in which the purchasing contracting agencies are not identified.

(h) “Purchasing contracting agency” means a governmental body that procures goods, services or public improvements from a contractor based on the original contract established by an administering contracting agency.

(2) As used in ORS 279A.210 (1)(a), 279A.215 (1)(a) and 279A.220 (1)(a), an administering contracting agency’s solicitation and award process uses source selection methods “substantially equivalent” to those identified in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 if the solicitation and award process:

(a) Calls for award of a contract on the basis of a lowest responsible bidder or a lowest and best bidder determination in the case of competitive bids, or on the basis of a determination of the proposer whose proposal is most advantageous based on evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals in the case of competitive proposals;

(b) Does not permit the application of any geographic preference that is more favorable to bidders or proposers who reside in the jurisdiction or locality favored by the preference than the preferences provided in ORS 279A.120 (2); and

(c) Uses reasonably clear and precise specifications that promote suitability for the purposes intended and that reasonably encourage competition. [2003 c.794 §25; 2007 c.764 §4]

[no Port rule]

279A.205 Cooperative procurements authorized. (1) A contracting agency may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a joint cooperative procurement for the procurement of any goods, services or public improvements.

(2) A contracting agency may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a permissive or interstate cooperative procurement for the procurement of any goods or services, but not public improvements. [2003 c.794 §26; 2005 c.103 §6]

[no Port rule]

279A.210 Joint cooperative procurements. (1) A joint cooperative procurement is valid only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency’s solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 or uses a competitive bidding process substantially equivalent to the competitive bidding process in ORS chapter 279C;

(b) The administering contracting agency’s solicitation and the original contract or price agreement identifies the cooperative procurement group or each participating purchasing contracting agency and specifies the estimated contract requirements; and

(c) No material change is made in the terms, conditions or prices of the contract between the contractor and the purchasing contracting agency from the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract between the contractor and the administering contracting agency.

(2) A joint cooperative procurement may not be a permissive cooperative procurement. [2003 c.794 §27]

[no Port rule]

279A.215 Permissive cooperative procurements. (1) A contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060;

(b) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and the original contract allow other contracting agencies to establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract;

(c) The contractor agrees to extend the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract to the purchasing contracting agency; and

(d) No material change is made in the terms, conditions or prices of the contract or price agreement between the contractor and the purchasing contracting agency from the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract between the contractor and the administering contracting agency.

(2)(a) A purchasing contracting agency shall provide public notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement if the estimated amount of the procurement exceeds \$250,000.

(b) The notice of intent must include:

(A) A description of the procurement;

(B) An estimated amount of the procurement;

(C) The name of the administering contracting agency; and

(D) A time, place and date by which comments must be submitted to the purchasing contracting agency regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(c) Public notice of the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4)(b) and (c).

(d) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.070, the purchasing contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the deadline for submission of comments regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(3) If a purchasing contracting agency is required to provide notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency shall provide vendors who would otherwise be prospective bidders or proposers on the contract or price agreement, if the procurement were competitively procured under ORS chapter 279B, an opportunity to comment on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement.

(b) Vendors must submit comments within seven days after the notice of intent is published.

(c) And if the purchasing contracting agency receives comments on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement, before the purchasing contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through the permissive cooperative procurement, the purchasing contracting agency shall make a written determination that establishing a contract or price agreement through a permissive cooperative procurement is in the

best interest of the purchasing contracting agency. The purchasing contracting agency shall provide a copy of the written determination to any vendor that submitted comments. [2003 c.794 §28]

[no Port rule]

279A.220 Interstate cooperative procurements. (1) A contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement only if:

(a) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and award process for the original contract is an open and impartial competitive process and uses source selection methods substantially equivalent to those specified in ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060;

(b) The administering contracting agency's solicitation and the original contract allows other governmental bodies to establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract; and

(c) The administering contracting agency permits the contractor to extend the use of the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract to the purchasing contracting agency.

(2) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency, or the cooperative procurement group of which the purchasing contracting agency is a member, must be listed in the solicitation of the administering contracting agency as a party that may establish contracts or price agreements under the terms, conditions and prices of the original contract, and the solicitation must be advertised in Oregon; or

(b)(A) The purchasing contracting agency, or the cooperative procurement group of which the purchasing contracting agency is a member, shall advertise a notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(B) The notice of intent must include:

(i) A description of the procurement;

(ii) An estimated amount of the procurement;

(iii) The name of the administering contracting agency; and

(iv) A time, place and date by which comments must be submitted to the purchasing contracting agency regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(C) Public notice of the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4)(b) and (c).

(D) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.070, the purchasing contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the deadline for submission of comments regarding the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(3) If a purchasing contracting agency is required to provide notice of intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement under subsection (2) of this section:

(a) The purchasing contracting agency shall provide vendors who would otherwise be prospective bidders or proposers on the contract or price agreement, if the procurement were competitively procured under ORS chapter 279B, an opportunity to comment on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement.

(b) Vendors must submit comments within seven days after the notice of intent is published.

(c) And if the purchasing contracting agency receives comments on the intent to establish a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement, before the purchasing

contracting agency may establish a contract or price agreement through the interstate cooperative procurement, the purchasing contracting agency shall make a written determination that establishing a contract or price agreement through an interstate cooperative procurement is in the best interest of the purchasing contracting agency. The purchasing contracting agency shall provide a copy of the written determination to any vendor that submitted comments.

(4) For purposes of this section, an administering contracting agency may be any governmental body, domestic or foreign, authorized under its laws, rules or regulations to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods and services for use by a governmental body. [2003 c.794 §29]

[no Port rule]

279A.225 Protests and disputes. (1) A protest regarding the procurement process, the contents of solicitation documents or the award or proposed award of an original contract may be directed only to the administering contracting agency. The protest must be in accordance with the provisions of ORS 279B.400 to 279B.425.

(2) A protest regarding the use of a cooperative procurement by a purchasing contracting agency after the execution of an original contract may be directed only to the purchasing contracting agency. The protest must be in accordance with the provisions of ORS 279B.400 to 279B.425 and is limited in scope to the purchasing contracting agency's authority to enter into a cooperative procurement contract.

(3) The decision of a local contracting agency to use a cooperative procurement is reviewable in the circuit court of the county where the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located. The decision of a state contracting agency to use a cooperative procurement shall be reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court of the county where the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located.

(4) Disputes regarding contract performance between a purchasing contracting agency and a contractor may be resolved solely by the purchasing contracting agency and the contractor. [2003 c.794 §30]

[no Port rule]

State Surplus Property

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Miscellaneous Provisions

279A.800 Consideration of whether bidder or proposer owes liquidated and delinquent debt to state. In addition to making a determination concerning a bidder's or proposer's responsibility under ORS 279B.110 or 279C.375, a contracting agency as part of the contracting agency's evaluation of a bid or proposal may consider at any time before executing a public contract with the bidder or proposer whether the bidder or proposer owes a liquidated and delinquent debt to the state. [2019 c.124 §2]

[no Port rule]

279A.803 Requirements for qualified projects funded with moneys from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; exceptions. (1) A public body that is carrying out a qualified project shall require each contractor in a contract with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or greater to:

(a) Enter into a project labor agreement that, at a minimum, provides for payment of wages at or above the prevailing rate of wage;

(b) Employ apprentices to perform 15 percent of the work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform under the contract, in a manner consistent with the apprentices' respective apprenticeship training programs;

(c) Establish and execute a plan for outreach, recruitment and retention of women, minority individuals and veterans to perform work under the contract, with the aspirational target of having at least 15 percent of total work hours performed by individuals in one or more of those groups; and

(d) Require any subcontractor engaged by the contractor to abide by the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection, if the work to be performed under the subcontract has an estimated cost of \$200,000 or greater.

(2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to a contract for a qualified project if the public body carrying out the qualified project demonstrates to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services that:

(a) The qualified project is primarily located in a county that is characterized as nonmetropolitan by the United States Office of Management and Budget; and

(b) Compliance with the requirements would, with respect to the contract:

(A) Cause significant expense or delay; or

(B) Limit the pool of bidders to fewer than three.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) "Apprentice" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(b) "Apprenticeable occupation" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(c) "Apprenticeship training program" means the total system of apprenticeship that a particular local joint committee, as defined in ORS 660.010, operates, including the local joint committee's registered standards and all other terms and conditions for qualifying, recruiting, selecting, employing and training apprentices in an apprenticeable occupation.

(d) "Minority individual" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005.

(e) "Prevailing rate of wage" has the meaning given that term in ORS 279C.800.

(f) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

(g) "Qualified project" means a project:

(A) For capital improvements to water, sewer, broadband or transportation infrastructure;

(B) That has an estimated project cost of at least \$10 million; and

(C) That utilizes at least \$750,000 of moneys made available to the state under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2).

(h) "Veteran" has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.

(i) "Woman" has the meaning given that term in ORS 200.005. [2021 c.678 §17]

[no Port rule]

Penalties

279A.990 Penalties. (1) The provisions of ORS 291.990 apply to ORS 279A.140, 279A.280 and 279B.270. Any violation of ORS 279A.140, 279A.280 or 279B.270 shall be punished as described in ORS 291.990.

(2) Any contractor, subcontractor, agent or person in authority or in charge who violates any provision of ORS 279C.520 or 279C.540 as to hours of labor commits a Class A misdemeanor.

(3) Any contractor or subcontractor subject to ORS 279C.840 who fails to pay the prevailing rate of wage as required by ORS 279C.840 commits a Class B misdemeanor. [2003 c.794 §46; 2011 c.597 §176]

[no Port rule]

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279B.005 Definitions. (1) As used in this chapter, unless the context or a specifically applicable definition requires otherwise:

(a) “Invitation to bid” means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting bids.

(b) “Procurement description” means the words used in a solicitation to describe the goods or services to be procured. “Procurement description” includes specifications attached to or made a part of the solicitation.

(c) “Request for proposals” means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

(d) “Responsible bidder” or “responsible proposer” means a person who meets the standards of responsibility described in ORS 279B.110.

(e) “Responsive bid” or “responsive proposal” means a bid or proposal that substantially complies with the invitation to bid or request for proposals and all prescribed procurement procedures and requirements.

(2) ORS 279A.010 contains general definitions applicable throughout this chapter. [2003 c.794 §47; 2005 c.103 §7; 2007 c.764 §5]

[no Port rule]

279B.010 Policy. In addition to the policy stated in ORS 279A.015, it is the policy of the State of Oregon that public contracting activities should:

(1) Provide effective outcomes that represent optimal value to the contracting agency and, to the greatest extent feasible, be consistent with market practices;

(2) Seek consistency in procurement practices between contracting agencies covered under the Public Contracting Code while preserving each contracting agency’s ability to adopt rules to maximize the contracting agency’s effectiveness; and

(3) Apply innovative practices while maintaining quality and integrity. [2003 c.794 §48]

[no Port rule]

279B.015 Applicability. Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting under this chapter is subject to ORS chapter 279A, but not ORS chapter 279C. [2003 c.794 §48a; 2005 c.103 §8]

Port Rule B.015 Application

This Division B of the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules implements ORS Chapter 279B, Public Procurements, and applies to the procurement of goods and services. The Port’s Contracting Rules for the procurement of personal services contracts are set forth at Port Contracting Rule B.500 and, where applicable, in Division C under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125. This Division B also applies to the procurement of personal services contracts, to the extent that the Contracting Rules described in the immediately preceding sentence do not govern a particular issue relating to a personal services contract procurement. This Division B does not apply to the procurement of public improvement contracts or contracts for public works; the Port’s Contracting Rules for the procurement of such contracts are located in Division C.

279B.020 Maximum hours of labor on public contracts; holidays; exceptions; liability to workers; rules.

(1) When labor is employed by a contracting agency through a contractor, a person may not be required or permitted to labor more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity or emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires it, in which event, the person so employed for excessive hours shall receive at least time and a half pay:

(a)(A) For all overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(B) For all overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(b) For all work performed on Saturday and on the following legal holidays:

(A) Each Sunday.

(B) New Year's Day on January 1.

(C) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

(D) Independence Day on July 4.

(E) Labor Day on the first Monday in September.

(F) Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November.

(G) Christmas Day on December 25.

(2) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who perform work under subsection (1) of this section, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that employees may be required to work.

(3) For the purpose of this section, each time a legal holiday, other than Sunday, listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be recognized as a legal holiday. Each time a legal holiday listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as a legal holiday.

(4) When specifically agreed to under a written labor-management negotiated labor agreement, an employee may be paid at least time and a half pay for work performed on any legal holiday specified in ORS 187.010 and 187.020 that is not listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(5) This section does not apply to contracts for personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, provided that persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all overtime worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for individuals under personal services contracts who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(6) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services at a county fair or for other events authorized by a county fair board if persons employed under the contract receive at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week.

(7) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section do not apply to a contract for services if the contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement in effect with any labor organization.

(8)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services. However, persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all time worked in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a contract for services, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the employees may be required to work.

(9) Any contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety that violates the provisions of this section is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages. If the violation resulted from willful falsification of payroll records, the contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to twice the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages.

(10) An action to enforce liability to employees under subsection (9) of this section may be brought as an action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(11) This section does not apply to:

(a) Financial institutions as defined in ORS 706.008.

(b) Labor performed in the prevention or suppression of fire under contracts and agreements made pursuant to the authority of the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry under ORS 477.406.

(c) Public contracts for goods or personal property.

(12) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. [2003 c.794 §48b; 2005 c.103 §8a]

[no Port rule]

Note: The Bureau of Labor and Industries rules that carry out the provisions of ORS 279B.020 are in Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 839, Division 020.

279B.025 Procurement practices regarding recyclable and reusable goods. All contracting agencies shall establish procurement practices that ensure, to the maximum extent economically feasible, the procurement of goods that may be recycled or reused when discarded. [2003 c.794 §49]

[no Port rule]

279B.030 Demonstration that procurement will cost less than performing service with contracting agency's own personnel and resources or that performing service is not feasible; exemptions; analysis for procurement related to information technology; rules. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279B.036, before conducting a procurement for services with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$250,000, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Demonstrate, by means of a written cost analysis in accordance with ORS 279B.033, that the contracting agency would incur less cost in conducting the procurement than in performing the services with the contracting agency's own personnel and resources; or

(b) Demonstrate, in accordance with ORS 279B.036, that performing the services with the contracting agency's own personnel and resources is not feasible.

(2) If a local contracting agency authorizes a department, bureau, office or other subdivision of the local contracting agency to conduct a procurement on behalf of another department, bureau, office or subdivision of the local contracting agency, the department, bureau, office or subdivision

on whose behalf the procurement is conducted shall comply with the requirement set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) A local contracting agency or a local contract review board for a city that has a population of not more than 15,000 or a county that has a population of not more than 30,000;

(b) A community college that enrolls not more than 1,000 full-time equivalent students, as defined in ORS 341.005;

(c) A special district, as defined in ORS 198.010, a diking district formed under ORS chapter 551 and a soil and water conservation district organized under ORS 568.210 to 568.808;

(d) The Port of Portland; or

(e) Procurements for client services the definition and scope of which the Oregon Department of Administrative Services specifies by rule.

(4)(a)(A) A state contracting agency that conducts a cost analysis in accordance with ORS 279B.033 or makes a determination under ORS 279B.036 in connection with a procurement for services related to information technology, as defined in ORS 291.045, shall provide the State Chief Information Officer and the Legislative Fiscal Office with copies of the final cost analysis the state contracting agency prepared under ORS 279B.033 or the final determination the state contracting agency made under ORS 279B.036.

(B) The requirement to provide the materials described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to the State Chief Information Officer does not apply to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer.

(b) The Legislative Fiscal Office may provide materials the office receives under paragraph (a) of this subsection to a committee of the Legislative Assembly or to the Emergency Board in accordance with policies the office develops.

(c) The State Chief Information Officer shall adopt rules and develop policies for incorporating materials the State Chief Information Officer receives under paragraph (a) of this subsection into the oversight functions that the State Chief Information Officer exercises under ORS 276A.206 and the planning functions that the State Chief Information Officer exercises under ORS 276A.233 and 276A.236. [2009 c.880 §2; 2016 c.16 §1]

[no Port rule]

279B.033 Contents of cost analysis; conditions under which procurement may proceed; exceptions. * * * [2009 c.880 §3]

[no Port rule]

279B.036 Determination of feasibility of procurement. * * * [2009 c.880 §4]

[no Port rule]

279B.040 Prohibition on accepting bid or proposal from contractor that advised or assisted contracting agency to develop specifications or solicitation documents; exceptions. * * * [2012 c.53 §2; 2014 c.77 §2]

[no Port rule]

Note: See Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.210, *Bids or Proposals from Bidders or Proposers that Advised or Assisted in Developing Specifications or Other Solicitation Documents.*

279B.045 Contractor warranty and covenant concerning tax law compliance. Every public contract that is subject to this chapter must include a representation and warranty from the contractor that the contractor has complied with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state, including but not limited to ORS 305.620 and ORS chapters 316, 317 and 318. The public contract must also require a covenant from the contractor to continue to comply with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state during the term of the public contract and provide that a contractor's failure to comply with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state before the contractor executed the public contract or during the term of the public contract is a default for which a contracting agency may terminate the public contract and seek damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or under applicable law. [2015 c.539 §3]

[no Port rule]

Source Selection

Methods of Source Selection

279B.050 Methods of source selection. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a contracting agency shall award a public contract for goods or services by competitive sealed bidding under ORS 279B.055 or competitive sealed proposals under ORS 279B.060.

(2) The requirements of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to public contracts established as provided in ORS 279B.065, 279B.070, 279B.075, 279B.080 or 279B.085.

(3) Notwithstanding the applicability of ORS 279B.065, 279B.070, 279B.075, 279B.080 or 279B.085 to a public contract, a contracting agency nevertheless may award the public contract under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) A local contracting agency may elect, by rule, charter, ordinance or other appropriate legislative action, to award contracts for personal services, as designated under ORS 279A.055, under the procedures of ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085.

(5) State contracting agencies shall solicit contracts for personal services in accordance with ORS 279B.050 to 279B.085. [2003 c.794 §50; 2007 c.764 §6]

Port Rule B.050 Procurement Methods

(1) The Port of Portland shall award public contracts for goods and services covered by these Contracting Rules using any method authorized by state law or the Port's Contracting Rules. Such different methods are called methods of "source selection." Source selection methods include cooperative procurements, competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, and small, intermediate, sole source, emergency and special procurements.

(2) State law requires the Port to use the services of Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities (QRFs) in certain instances. When required, the Port shall use a QRF in accordance with the rules established for public agencies by the Department of Administrative Services, as restated in Port Contracting Rules Division A.

(3) Once the appropriate source selection method has been chosen the Port may consider the best means of selecting a contractor within the source selection method it has chosen, provided the method is amenable to such discretion.

(4) The Manager of Contracts and Procurement is authorized to waive any nonconformity with the rules of contractor selection if the Manager of Contracts & Procurement determines that the defect was minor and likely would not have had an effect on the outcome of the selection process.

Note: Rules for the screening and selection of personal services providers are set forth at Port Contracting Rule B.500.

279B.055 Competitive sealed bidding. (1) A contracting agency may solicit and award a public contract for goods or services, or may award multiple public contracts for goods or services when specified in the invitation to bid, by competitive sealed bidding.

(2) The contracting agency shall issue an invitation to bid, which must:

(a) Specify a time and date by which the bids must be received and a place at which the bids must be submitted. The contracting agency, in the contracting agency's sole discretion, may receive bids by electronic means or direct or permit a bidder to submit bids by electronic means.

(b) Specify the name and title of the person designated to receive bids and the person the contracting agency designates as the contact person for the procurement, if different.

(c) Describe the procurement. In the description, the contracting agency shall identify the scope of work included within the procurement, outline the contractor's anticipated duties and set expectations for the contractor's performance. Unless the contracting agency for good cause specifies otherwise, the scope of work shall require the contractor to meet the highest standards prevalent in the industry or business most closely involved in providing the appropriate goods or services.

(d) Specify a time, date and place for prequalification applications, if any, to be filed and the classes of work, if any, for which bidders must be prequalified in accordance with ORS 279B.120.

(e) State that the contracting agency may cancel the procurement or reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(f) State that "Contractors shall use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this document." if a state contracting agency issues the invitation to bid.

(g) Require the contractor or subcontractor to possess an asbestos abatement license, if required under ORS 468A.710.

(h) Include all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. The contract terms and conditions shall specify clear consequences for a contractor's failure to perform the scope of work identified in the invitation to bid or the contractor's failure to meet established performance standards. The consequences may include, but are not limited to:

(A) Reducing or withholding payment;

(B) Requiring the contractor to perform, at the contractor's expense, additional work necessary to perform the identified scope of work or meet the established performance standards; or

(C) Declaring a default, terminating the public contract and seeking damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or other applicable law.

(3)(a) The contracting agency may require bid security if the contracting agency determines that bid security is reasonably necessary or prudent to protect the interests of the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency shall return the bid security to all bidders upon the execution of the contract.

(c) The contracting agency shall retain the bid security if a bidder who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract. For purposes of this paragraph, prompt and proper execution of the contract includes all action by a bidder that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the invitation to bid, including posting performance security and submitting

proof of insurance when the invitation to bid requires the submission.

(4)(a) The contracting agency shall give public notice of an invitation to bid issued under this section. Public notice is intended to foster competition among prospective bidders. The contracting agency shall make invitations to bid available to prospective bidders.

(b) A public notice must be published at least once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the contract is to be performed and in as many additional issues and publications as the contracting agency may determine.

(c) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a local contract review board may, by rule or order, authorize public notice of bids or proposals to be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation if the director or board determines that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective.

(d) In addition to the modes of publication authorized by paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, the contracting agency may use any other medium reasonably calculated to reach prospective bidders or proposers.

(e) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 must prescribe the requirements for providing public notice of solicitations.

(f) Unless otherwise specified in rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall give public notice at least seven days before the solicitation closing date.

(5)(a) The contracting agency shall open bids publicly at the time, date and place designated in the invitation to bid. When authorized by, and in accordance with, rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, bids may be submitted, received and opened through electronic means.

(b) The contracting agency shall record the amount of a bid, the name of the bidder and other relevant information specified by rule adopted under ORS 279A.065. The record shall be open to public inspection.

(c) Notwithstanding a requirement to make bids open to public inspection after the contracting agency issues notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.501, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.502, that are contained in a bid.

(6)(a) The contracting agency shall evaluate all bids that are received before the time and date indicated for bid opening in the invitation to bid. The contracting agency shall evaluate the bids based on the requirements set forth in the invitation to bid. The requirements may include, in addition to the information described in subsection (2) of this section, criteria to determine minimum acceptability, such as inspection, testing, quality and suitability for intended use or purpose. Criteria that will affect the bid price and will be considered in evaluation for award including, but not limited to, discounts, transportation costs and total costs of ownership or operation of a product over the life of the product must be objectively measurable. The invitation to bid must set forth the evaluation criteria to be used. No criteria may be used in a bid evaluation that are not set forth in the invitation to bid or in a qualified products list maintained under ORS 279B.115. The contracting agency may not consider for award bids received after the time and date indicated for bid opening in the invitation to bid. The contracting agency may retain bids or copies of bids received after the bid time and date indicated in the invitation to bid.

(b) The contracting agency shall, for the purpose of evaluating bids, apply any applicable preference described in ORS 279A.120, 279A.125 or 282.210.

(7) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 must provide for and regulate the correction and withdrawal of bids before and after bid opening and the cancellation of awards or contracts based on bid mistakes. After bid opening, changes in bids prejudicial to the interests of the public or fair competition are not permitted. A contracting agency that permits a bidder to correct or withdraw a bid or that cancels an award or a contract based on bid mistakes, shall support the decision with a written determination that states the reasons for the action taken.

(8) The cancellation of invitations to bid and the rejection of bids must be in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(9) The contracting agency shall, in accordance with ORS 279B.135, issue to each bidder or shall post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of intent to award.

(10) If a contracting agency awards a contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract:

(a) To the lowest responsible bidder whose bid substantially complies with the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation to bid and with all prescribed public procurement procedures and requirements; or

(b) If the invitation to bid specifies or authorizes the award of multiple contracts, to the responsible bidders:

(A) Whose bids substantially comply with the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation to bid and with all prescribed public procurement procedures and requirements; and

(B) Who qualify for the award of a public contract under the terms of the invitation to bid.

(11) The successful bidder shall promptly execute a contract. The successful bidder's duty to promptly execute a contract includes the duty to take all action that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the invitation to bid, including posting performance security, submitting proof of insurance when the invitation to bid requires the submission and agreeing to perform the scope of work and meet the performance standards set forth in the invitation to bid.

(12) If a contracting agency determines that preparing a procurement description to support an award based on price is impractical, the contracting agency may issue a multistep invitation to bid that requests bidders to submit unpriced submittals, and then later issue an invitation to bid limited to the bidders that the contracting agency officer has determined are eligible to submit a priced bid under the criteria set forth in the initial solicitation of unpriced submittals.

(13) The contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in preparing an invitation to bid. [2003 c.794 §51; 2009 c.880 §5]

Port Rule B.055 *Competitive Sealed Bidding*

(1) Advertisement

(a) The Port of Portland shall advertise invitations to bid in a newspaper of general circulation in the Portland metropolitan area, and shall also Post all notices for invitations to bid on the Port's website using an online vendor bidding system. If the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement make a determination that limiting the posting of the notice for invitations to bid solely by electronic means is cost effective to the Port, then publishing the notice in a newspaper may be waived.

(b) The notice shall be posted at least 7 days prior to the date the invitations to bid are due, unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a shorter time period is necessary and in the Port's best interest.

(2) Distribution of Solicitation Documents

The Port may distribute solicitation documents by any commercially reasonable means, including without limitation use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, fax, or express mail, as the Port may determine in its sole discretion is appropriate under the circumstances. The Port may, but is not obligated to, deliver a solicitation document by other more costly means if a particular prospective offeror pays the additional cost.

(3) Prospective Bidders and Proposers Lists

A prospective bidder or proposer for a particular procurement is responsible for ensuring that its correct name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information have been effectively and accurately communicated to the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division for inclusion on the list of prospective bidders or proposers for that procurement. The Port's Contracts and Procurement Division endeavors to include on the list for a particular procurement each prospective bidder or proposer to which a solicitation document is issued by the Contracts and Procurement Division. Prospective bidders or proposers who obtain solicitation documents from other sources, such as plan centers, are not automatically added to the list, and must contact the Contracts and Procurement Division to be added. Listed prospective bidders and proposers are responsible for immediately notifying the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division in writing of any changes in name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information.

(4) Bidder's Responsibilities

While the Port endeavors to provide all known solicitation holders with all the available information and documentation necessary to provide a responsive bid, through notice of document availability by mail or electronic means, the Port cannot guarantee that such notice will be delivered to or read by solicitation holders in a timely manner. Bidders are therefore responsible for ensuring they have received all necessary information to provide a responsive bid, including without limitation all bid documents, addenda, plans, attachments, exhibits, etc., prior to submitting a bid.

(5) Prebid and Proposal Conferences

(a) Generally

The Port may hold a prebid or preproposal conference to allow a site inspection and to hear and respond to questions. If the time and place of a prebid or preproposal conference are not stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals, all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division shall be notified of the time and place. Notification may be by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, telephone, fax, or in writing, at the Port's option.

(b) Mandatory

The Port may require attendance at a prebid or preproposal conference as a condition precedent to the submission of a bid or proposal. The Port may refuse to open or may reject as nonresponsive a bid from a bidder who failed to attend a mandatory prebid conference, and may refuse to open or decline to evaluate a proposal from a proposer who failed to attend a mandatory preproposal conference. The Port may, but is not obligated to, arrange for a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference if requested by one or more prospective bidders or proposers who were unable to attend a scheduled, mandatory prebid or preproposal conference for a reason determined by the Port to be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. If a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference is arranged, all prospective bidders or proposers on the Contracts and Procurement Division's list shall be notified in advance and allowed to attend.

(c) Limited Effect

Statements and other information from Port employees at a prebid or preproposal conference do not effect any change in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals, or the contracts that may arise from them. Changes in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals may be effected only by a written addendum issued by the Port. Bidders and proposers may rely only upon the invitation

to bids or the request for proposals, with any changes made by addendum, to establish all of the procurement requirements and all contract provisions other than those established by the bid or proposal.

(d) Change Requests

A prospective bidder or proposer who wants to propose a change to the invitation to bid or the request for proposals should submit a written request, even if the change was requested during a prebid or preproposal conference. The request should be submitted in accordance with any instructions in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals. If the Port fails to respond to a change request made during a prebid or preproposal conference, or to a written change request, the request shall be deemed denied. If the Port responds to a change request, the response may be in the form of an addendum issued to all prospective bidders or proposers, with no specific response to the requestor.

(6) Addenda

(a) Requirement

A solicitation document may be changed only by a written addendum issued by the Port. When an addendum is required, it shall be issued to all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained for the procurement in question by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division.

(b) Acknowledgment Required

A bidder or proposer must timely acknowledge in writing receipt of all addenda issued by the Port. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may cause a bid to be rejected as nonresponsive, and may cause a proposal to be considered outside the competitive range or to be determined after evaluation to be inferior to other proposals that included acknowledgment of receipt of the addendum. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum most often will be part of the bid or proposal, but may be separate from the bid or proposal, and need not be sealed. The Port shall accept a written acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum by any commercially reasonable means, including but not limited to use of an online vendor bidding system, fax, or email. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum to an invitation to bid is timely only if it is received in a manner and at a time that would make it timely if it were a bid.

(c) Distribution and Receipt

Addenda may be distributed by an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, U.S. mail, fax, hand delivery, or other commercially reasonable means. Failure to receive an addendum to a solicitation does not excuse failure to acknowledge receipt of the addendum, even if the failure to receive was through no fault of the prospective bidder or proposer, and even if the failure to receive was the fault of the Port. The Port, in its sole discretion, may extend a bid opening to allow a bidder or proposer time to acknowledge receipt of an addendum.

(7) Method of Submitting Offers

(a) Generally

Bids must be submitted in writing on the form provided by the Port or a reasonable facsimile. Bids may not be submitted by fax or other electronic means unless expressly directed or permitted by the invitation to bid. A bid shall be considered timely submitted if it is delivered to the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or the Manager's designee by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid.

(b) Timeliness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are timely. The Port may decline to consider a late offer, even if the offer is late because of a delay in the Port's internal handling of mail or documents or because the Port's receiving equipment was unavailable.

(c) Completeness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are received by the Port in a complete, legible, ungarbled form. The Port may decline to consider an offer that is incomplete, illegible, or garbled, even if the problem is caused by the Port's hardware or software.

(d) Electronic Submission

Offers submitted electronically must bear a facsimile signature, provided that the requirement for a facsimile signature is excused when an electronic quotation is properly submitted in lieu of an oral quotation, or when the solicitation document expressly authorizes electronic data interchange, e-mail, or another electronic submission method by which facsimile signatures generally cannot be transmitted. A solicitation document expressly authorizing electronic submission of offers may specify methods for establishing the authenticity of offers.

(8) Bid Withdrawal

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may withdraw its bid without consequence. The withdrawal must be by someone with the necessary authority, and must be a signed writing.

(9) Bid Modification

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may modify its bid in writing. A bidder shall prepare and submit any modification to its bid to the Port in accordance with Port Rule B.055(7), unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document. Any modification must include the bidder's statement that the modification amends and supersedes the prior bid. The bidder shall mark the submitted modification as follows:

(a) Bid (or Proposal) Modification; and

(b) Solicitation Number (or other identification as specified in the solicitation document).

(10) Receipt and Recording of Offers; Confidentiality of Offers

The Port shall electronically or mechanically time-stamp or hand-mark each Offer and any modification upon receipt. The Port shall not open the Offer or modification upon receipt, but shall maintain it as confidential and secure until Opening. If the Port inadvertently opens an Offer or a modification prior to the Opening, the Port shall return the Offer or modification to its secure and confidential state until Opening. The Port shall document the resealing for the Procurement file (e.g. "Port inadvertently opened the Offer due to improper identification of the Offer").

*(11) Bid Opening**(a) Generally*

Bids shall be opened in a place designated by the Port that is open to the public at the time bids are opened. The Port may change the location of bid opening at any time. The time for opening bids may be postponed at any time for the Port's convenience or if the Port determines that postponement would be in the Port's best interest. A bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated orally or by a posted sign to anyone who appears at the previously designated time and place for the bid opening. If time permits, a bid opening postponement or relocation

shall be communicated to all prospective bidders on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division. Such communication shall be made using the Port's online vendor bidding system, other electronic means (including fax), mail, or any other commercially reasonable means. A bid opening postponement or relocation need not be communicated by addendum.

(b) Electronic Bid Opening

When the Port has specifically directed or permitted electronic bidding using an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, the Port may open bids electronically using such means. In such event, bids will be deemed to be opened publicly when bidder and bid information is made available to the public electronically using such means.

(c) Availability for inspection

Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, bids shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them for responsiveness.

(12) Bid Evaluation and Clarification

(a) Evaluation

Opened bids shall be evaluated in accordance with applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. When a bid is determined to be unresponsive to the invitation to bid, it will not be evaluated further. Bidders who submit responsive bids shall be evaluated for responsibility under applicable statutes, these Contracting Rules, and the invitation to bid.

(b) Clarification

After opening, the Port may conduct discussions with bidders for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of the bids. All bids needing clarification, in the Port's sole discretion, must be accorded such an opportunity. The Port shall document its clarification of any bid.

(13) Bid Errors

(a) Errors of Judgment

A bid may not be corrected or withdrawn for an error in judgment. If a bidder is awarded a public contract and refuses to promptly and properly execute the public contract because of an error in judgment, the bidder's bid security must be forfeited under ORS 279B.055(3)(c).

(b) Minor Informalities

The Port may waive or permit a bidder to correct a minor informality. A minor informality is either a matter of form rather than substance that is evident on the face of the bid, or an insignificant mistake that can be waived without prejudice to other bidders. For example, failure to sign the bid in the designated block on the bid form is a minor informality if a signature appears on the bid bond or somewhere else in the bid evidencing an intent to be bound by the bid.

(c) Clerical Errors

A clerical error is an error in drafting the bid, and may include without limitation typographical errors, arithmetic errors, and transposition and other errors in transferring numbers from work sheets to the bid form. If a clerical error is apparent on the face of the bid and the correction also is apparent on the face of the bid, the Port shall correct the error before evaluating bids. A discrepancy between a unit price and an extended bid item price is a clerical error and shall be corrected by giving precedence to the unit price. If an error not apparent on the face of the bid is brought to the Port's attention, the bidder may submit evidence to establish that the error is a

clerical error. If it is clear from the face of the bid or from evidence submitted by the bidder that an error is a clerical error, rather than an error in judgment, but the correction of the error is not apparent on the face of the bid, the bidder may either withdraw its bid without forfeiting its bid security under ORS 279B.055(3)(c), or agree to proceed with the public contract as bid, without correcting the error. If the bidder takes neither of those actions, the Port shall reject the bid as non-responsive. A bidder may not correct a clerical error if the correction is not apparent on the face of the bid.

(14) Irrevocability of Offers

(a) Generally

All bids received by the Port for a particular public contract become binding offers when the deadline for receipt of bids passes, and remain irrevocable for 30 calendar days after opening unless a different period is specified in the invitation to bid.

(b) Extensions and Reinstatements

An offeror may extend the period of irrevocability of its offer by giving the Port a written extension specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may reinstate an offer (unchanged) after the expiration of the period of irrevocability by giving the Port a written reinstatement specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may not "extend" or "reinstate" an offer that differs in any material respect from the original; a purported extension or reinstatement of a materially differing offer amounts to a new offer.

(15) Tied Low Bids or Quotations

(a) Generally

If (1) low bids or quotations are tied, (2) the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and (3) one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to that offeror in accordance with ORS 279A.120. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to one with principal offices or headquarters in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, and none has principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, or if two or more of them have principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots.

(b) Unequal Quality

If the fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by tied offerors are not otherwise equal, the contract shall be awarded to the offeror determined by the Port to offer the superior goods or services.

(16) Rejection of Bids for Good Cause in the Public Interest

The Port may reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279B.100 for good cause upon a finding that rejection is in the public interest. Situations where good cause is sufficient to warrant rejection of all bids include but are not limited to: (1) competition is unnecessarily restricted because of the content of or an error in the solicitation document or the solicitation process; (2) all offered prices are too high or all offered performance is insufficient to meet the Port's needs; (3) ambiguous or misleading provisions in the solicitation document, or misconduct or error, threaten the fairness and integrity of the competitive process; and (4) events other than legitimate market forces threaten the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

279B.060 Competitive sealed proposals. (1) A contracting agency may solicit and award a public contract for goods or services, or may award multiple public contracts for goods or services when specified in the request for proposals, by requesting and evaluating competitive sealed proposals.

(2) A request for proposals must:

(a) Specify a time and date by which sealed proposals must be received, and a place at which the proposals must be submitted. The contracting agency, in the contracting agency's sole discretion, may receive proposals by electronic means or may direct or permit proposers to submit proposals by electronic means.

(b) Specify the name and title of the person designated to receive proposals and the person the contracting agency designates as the contact person for the procurement, if different.

(c) Describe the procurement. In the description, the contracting agency shall identify the scope of work included within the procurement, outline the contractor's anticipated duties and set expectations for the contractor's performance. Unless the contractor is providing architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, or unless the contracting agency for good cause specifies otherwise, the scope of work shall require the contractor to meet the highest standards prevalent in the industry or business most closely involved in providing the appropriate goods or services.

(d) Specify a time, date and place for prequalification applications, if any, to be filed and the classes of work, if any, for which proposers must be prequalified in accordance with ORS 279B.120.

(e) State that the contracting agency may cancel the procurement or reject any or all proposals in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(f) State that "Contractors shall use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this document." if a state contracting agency issues the request for proposals.

(g) Require the contractor or subcontractor to possess an asbestos abatement license, if required under ORS 468A.710.

(h) Include all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. The contract terms and conditions shall specify clear consequences for a contractor's failure to perform the scope of work identified in the request for proposals or the contractor's failure to meet established performance standards. The consequences may include, but are not limited to:

(A) Reducing or withholding payment;

(B) Requiring the contractor to perform, at the contractor's expense, additional work necessary to perform the identified scope of work or meet the established performance standards; or

(C) Declaring a default, terminating the public contract and seeking damages and other relief available under the terms of the public contract or other applicable law.

(3) The request for proposals also may:

(a) Identify contractual terms or conditions that the contracting agency reserves, in the request for proposals, for negotiation with proposers;

(b) Request that proposers propose contractual terms and conditions that relate to subject matter reasonably identified in the request for proposals;

(c) Contain or incorporate the form and content of the contract that the contracting agency will accept, or suggest contract terms and conditions that nevertheless may be the subject of negotiations with proposers;

(d) Announce the method the contracting agency will use to select the contractor, which may include, but is not limited to, negotiating with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, a multiple-tiered competition that is designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers or a combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065; and

(e) Describe the manner in which the contracting agency will evaluate proposals, identifying the relative importance of price and other factors the contracting agency will use to evaluate and rate the proposals in the first tier of competition. If the contracting agency uses more than one tier of competitive evaluation, the request for proposals must describe the process the contracting agency will use to evaluate proposals in the subsequent tiers.

(4)(a) The contracting agency may require proposal security in any form the contracting agency deems prudent. Proposal security must serve the same function with respect to requests for proposals as bid security serves with respect to invitations to bid under ORS 279B.055.

(b) The contracting agency shall return the proposal security to all proposers upon the execution of the contract.

(c) The contracting agency shall retain the proposal security if a proposer who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract. For purposes of this paragraph, prompt and proper execution of the contract includes all action by a proposer that is necessary to form a contract in accordance with the request for proposals, including posting performance security and submitting proof of insurance if the request for proposals requires the submission. If contract negotiations or competitive negotiations are conducted, the failure, prior to award, of a contracting agency and a proposer to reach agreement does not constitute grounds for retaining proposal security.

(5) A contracting agency shall give public notice of the request for proposals in the same manner as provided for public notice of invitations to bid in ORS 279B.055 (4).

(6)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, a contracting agency may open proposals in a manner that avoids disclosing contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation, but the contracting agency shall record and make available the identity of all proposers as part of the contracting agency's public records after the proposals are opened. Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, proposals are not required to be open for public inspection until after the notice of intent to award a contract is issued. The fact that proposals are opened at a meeting, as defined in ORS 192.610, does not make the contents of the proposals subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body opening the proposals fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals.

(b) Notwithstanding a requirement to make proposals open to public inspection after the contracting agency issues notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public materials included in a proposal that are exempt or conditionally exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.345 or 192.355.

(c) If a contracting agency cancels a request for proposals under ORS 279B.100 after receiving or rejecting proposals, the contracting agency may return a proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation.

(7) As provided in the request for proposals or in written addenda issued thereunder, the contracting agency, before or after opening proposals, may conduct site tours, demonstrations, individual or group discussions and other informational activities with proposers for the purpose of clarification to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements or to consider and respond to requests for modifications of the proposal requirements. The

contracting agency shall use procedures designed to accord proposers fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals.

(8) For purposes of evaluation, when provided for in the request for proposals, the contracting agency may employ methods of contractor selection that include, but are not limited to:

- (a) An award or awards based solely on the ranking of proposals;
- (b) Discussions leading to best and final offers, in which the contracting agency may not disclose private discussions leading to best and final offers;
- (c) Discussions leading to best and final offers, in which the contracting agency may not disclose information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers;
- (d) Serial negotiations, beginning with the highest ranked proposer;
- (e) Competitive simultaneous negotiations;
- (f) Multiple-tiered competition designed to identify, at each level, a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers;
- (g) A multistep request for proposals requesting the submission of unpriced technical submittals, and then later issuing a request for proposals limited to the proposers whose technical submittals the contracting agency had determined to be qualified under the criteria set forth in the initial request for proposals; or
- (h) A combination of methods described in this subsection, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(9) Revisions of proposals may be permitted after the submission of proposals and before award for the purpose of obtaining best offers or best and final offers.

(10) After opening proposals, a contracting agency may issue or electronically post an addendum to the request for proposals that modifies the criteria, rating process and procedure for any tier of competition before the start of the tier to which the addendum applies. The contracting agency shall send an addendum that is issued by a method other than electronic posting to all proposers who are eligible to compete under the addendum. The contracting agency shall issue or post the addendum at least five days before the start of the subject tier of competition or as the contracting agency otherwise determines is adequate to allow eligible proposers to prepare for the competition in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(11) The cancellation of requests for proposals and the rejection of proposals must be in accordance with ORS 279B.100.

(12) In a request for proposals, a contracting agency shall describe the methods by which the contracting agency will make the results of each tier of competitive evaluation available to the proposers who competed in the tier. The contracting agency shall include a description of the manner in which the proposers who are eliminated from further competition may protest or otherwise object to the contracting agency's decision.

(13) A contracting agency shall issue or electronically post the notice of intent to award described in ORS 279B.135 to each proposer who was evaluated in the final competitive tier.

(14) If a contracting agency awards a contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal the contracting agency determines in writing is the most advantageous to the contracting agency based on the evaluation process and evaluation factors described in this section and in the request for proposals, applicable preferences described in ORS 279A.120 and 279A.125 and, when applicable, the outcome of any negotiations authorized by the request for proposals. Other factors may not be used in the evaluation. If the request for proposals specifies or authorizes awarding multiple public contracts, the contracting agency shall award public contracts to the responsible proposers who qualify for the award of a contract under the terms of the request for proposals.

(15) A contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest, a request for qualifications or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in preparing a request for proposals.

(16) Before executing a contract solicited under this section, a contracting agency shall obtain the proposer's agreement to perform the scope of work and meet the performance standards set forth in the final negotiated scope of work. [2003 c.794 §52; 2009 c.880 §6; 2011 c.458 §12; 2018 c.85 §§3,4]

Port Rule B.060 Competitive Sealed Proposals

(1) Applicability of Port Rule B.055 to Competitive Proposals

The Port of Portland's Contracting Rule B.055 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term "proposal" may be substituted for the word "bid" when a rule from Section B.055 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.11, Bid Opening, the following rule applies:

Proposal Opening

The Port may open proposals at any time. There is no requirement for proposals to be opened in public. Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, proposals shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.12, Bid Evaluation, the following rule applies:

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals shall be evaluated based upon the evaluation criteria established by the request for proposals. Changes in evaluation criteria shall be communicated to all proposers or prospective proposers by addendum. If evaluation criteria are changed after proposals have been submitted, all proposers shall have an opportunity to supplement their proposals or submit best and final offers after receipt of the addendum changing the evaluation criteria.

(c) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.13, Bid Errors, the following rule applies:

Proposal Errors

Unless there is limiting language in the request for proposals, errors in proposals may be corrected at any time prior to the deadline for the Port's receipt of best and final offers, or, if best and final offers are not invited or allowed, then at any time prior to the beginning of the Port's final evaluation of proposals.

(d) Rather than apply Port Rule B.055.14, Irrevocability of Offers, the following rule applies:

Proposal Modification

The proposer may not modify its proposal without the prior written consent of the Port.

(2) Competitive Range

The Port shall have discretion in the manner in which a competitive range is defined for a specific procurement. Generally, the competitive range will be defined as a natural "break" in evaluation scores between a higher scoring group of proposers and a lower scoring group of proposers. The number of proposers within a competitive range may not be defined prior to evaluation of proposals.

(3) Selection Method

(a) The Port shall have discretion in the method used to select the most advantageous contractor, including but not necessarily limited to negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive, simultaneous negotiations with one or more proposers, multi-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower-ranked proposers, or any combination of methods.

(b) The request for proposals may, but is not required to, define the selection method to be used for the specific procurement or class of procurements.

(4) Addenda Issued after Proposal Opening

(a) If the Port issues an addendum after proposals are opened, the Port shall provide sufficient time for proposers to supplement their proposals, if necessary, based on the changes provided in the addendum. Less than five days may be allowed for proposal supplementation if the changes made by the addendum do not require extensive analysis or action on the part of the affected proposers.

279B.065 Small procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a public contract for goods or services that does not exceed a contract price of \$25,000 in any manner the contracting agency deems practical or convenient, including by direct selection or award. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$25,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A state contracting agency that awards a public contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more using a method permitted under this section shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:

(a) Comply with ORS 200.035; and

(b) Consider for the procurement businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.

(3) A contracting agency may not artificially divide or fragment a procurement so as to constitute a small procurement under this section. [2003 c.794 §53; 2005 c.64 §1; 2005 c.103 §8b; 2013 c.66 §1; 2023 c.127 §1]

Port Rule B.065 Small Procurements

The Port of Portland shall follow procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement when procuring goods or services not exceeding the dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.065. Contracts awarded under this section may be amended in accordance with the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

279B.070 Intermediate procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a public contract for goods or services that exceeds a contract price of \$25,000, but does not exceed a contract price of \$250,000, as provided in subsection (4) of this section. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$250,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A state contracting agency that awards a public contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more using a method permitted under this section shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:

(a) Comply with ORS 200.035; and

(b) Invite to participate in the procurement qualified businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.

(3) A contracting agency may not artificially divide or fragment a procurement so as to constitute an intermediate procurement under this section.

(4) When conducting an intermediate procurement, a contracting agency shall seek at least three informally solicited competitive price quotes or competitive proposals from prospective contractors. The contracting agency shall keep a written record of the sources of the quotes or proposals received. If three quotes or proposals are not reasonably available, fewer will suffice, but the contracting agency shall make a written record of the effort the contracting agency makes to obtain the quotes or proposals.

(5) If a contracting agency awards a public contract, the contracting agency shall award the public contract to the offeror whose quote or proposal will best serve the interests of the contracting agency, taking into account price as well as considerations including, but not limited to, experience, expertise, product functionality, suitability for a particular purpose and contractor responsibility under ORS 279B.110. [2003 c.794 §54; 2013 c.66 §2; 2023 c.127 §2]

Port Rule B.070 Intermediate Procurements

The Port of Portland shall follow the requirements of ORS 279B.070, and the procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, for the award of contracts exceeding the dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.065 but not exceeding the higher dollar amount stated in ORS 279B.070. The Port may negotiate with an offeror to clarify its quote or proposal, or to effect modifications that will make the quote or proposal more advantageous to the Port. Contracts awarded under this section may be amended in accordance with the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

279B.075 Sole-source procurements. (1) A contracting agency may award a contract for goods or services without competition if the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board, a state contracting agency, if the state contracting agency has procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, the State Chief Information Officer, with respect to goods or services described in subsection (2)(b) of this section and if the director has delegated the necessary authority to the State Chief Information Officer, or a person designated in writing by the director, board or state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, determines in writing, in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, that the goods or services, or class of goods or services, are available from only one source.

(2) The determination of a sole source must be based on written findings that may include:

(a) That the efficient utilization of existing goods requires acquiring compatible goods or services;

(b) That the goods or services required to exchange software or data with other public or private agencies are available from only one source;

(c) That the goods or services are for use in a pilot or an experimental project; or

(d) Other findings that support the conclusion that the goods or services are available from only one source.

(3) To the extent reasonably practical, the contracting agency shall negotiate with the sole source to obtain contract terms that are advantageous to the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §55; 2005 c.103 §8c; 2015 c.807 §24]

Port Rule B.075 Sole-Source Procurements

Determination of sole source procurement applicability shall be made in writing by the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement's designee, as applicable in accordance with the Port of Portland's Contract Review

Board Rules.

279B.080 Emergency procurements. (1) The head of a contracting agency, or a person designated under ORS 279A.075, may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements of goods or services in an emergency. The contracting agency shall document the nature of the emergency and describe the method used for the selection of the particular contractor.

(2) For an emergency procurement of construction services that are not public improvements, the contracting agency shall ensure competition for a contract for the emergency work that is reasonable and appropriate under the emergency circumstances. In conducting the procurement, the contracting agency shall set a solicitation time period that the contracting agency determines to be reasonable under the emergency circumstances and may issue written or oral requests for offers or make direct appointments without competition in cases of extreme necessity. [2003 c.794 §56; 2007 c.764 §6a]

Port Rule B.080 Emergency Procurements

(a) Award of a public contract under emergency procurement conditions as described in ORS 279A.010 shall be authorized in writing by Executive Director, except that the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may authorize in writing an emergency procurement up to the Manager's level of delegated contracting authority.

(b) Award of a public contract under conditions of a disaster as described in Port Rule A.010 may be made by any Port of Portland personnel designated by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or by the Emergency Operations Center Chief, if active.

(c) The Port may award a public contract exempt from competitive bidding because of an emergency or disaster by any commercially reasonable means under the circumstances.

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279B.085 Special procurements. (1) As used in this section and ORS 279B.400:

(a) “Class special procurement” means a contracting procedure that differs from the procedures described in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 and 279B.070 and is for the purpose of entering into a series of contracts over time or for multiple projects.

(b) “Contract-specific special procurement” means a contracting procedure that differs from the procedures described in ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 and 279B.070 and is for the purpose of entering into a single contract or a number of related contracts on a one-time basis or for a single project.

(c) “Special procurement” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a class special procurement, a contract-specific special procurement or both.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to seek approval of a special procurement, a contracting agency shall submit a written request to the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board, as applicable, that describes the contracting procedure, the goods or services or the class of goods or services that are the subject of the special procurement and the circumstances that justify the use of a special procurement under the standards set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) When the contracting agency is the office of the Secretary of State or the office of the State Treasurer, to seek approval of a special procurement, the contracting agency shall submit a written request to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer, as applicable, that describes the contracting procedure, the goods or services or the class of goods or services that are the subject of the special procurement and the circumstances that justify the use of a special procurement under the standards

set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) The director, a local contract review board, the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer may approve a special procurement if the director, board, Secretary of State or State Treasurer finds that a written request submitted under subsection (2) or (3) of this section demonstrates that the use of a special procurement as described in the request, or an alternative procedure prescribed by the director, board, Secretary of State or State Treasurer:

(a) Is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and

(b)(A) Is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or to the public; or

(B) Otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not practicably be realized by complying with requirements that are applicable under ORS 279B.055, 279B.060, 279B.065 or 279B.070 or under any rules adopted thereunder.

(5) Public notice of the approval of a special procurement must be given in the same manner as provided in ORS 279B.055 (4).

(6) If a contracting agency intends to award a contract through a special procurement that calls for competition among prospective contractors, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the offeror the contracting agency determines to be the most advantageous to the contracting agency.

(7) When the director, a local contract review board, the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer approves a class special procurement under this section, the contracting agency may award contracts to acquire goods or services within the class of goods or services in accordance with the terms of the approval without making a subsequent request for a special procurement. [2003 c.794 §57; 2005 c.103 §8d; 2007 c.764 §7]

Port Rule B.085 Special Procurements

When the Port of Portland determines that there is a need to award a contract or class of contracts by means other than the rules provided for competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, small procurements, or intermediate procurements, and when the rules for sole source, emergency, or cooperative procurements do not apply, approval must first be sought from the Port's Contract Review Board following the procedures set forth in ORS 279B.085. Class special procurements that are approved by the Port's Contract Review Board shall be incorporated into the Port's Contract Review Board Rules.

Cancellation, Rejection and Delay of Invitations for Bids or Requests for Proposals

279B.100 Cancellation, rejection, delay of invitations for bids or requests for proposals.

(1) Any solicitation or procurement described in a solicitation may be canceled, or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when the cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the contracting agency as determined by the contracting agency. The reasons for the cancellation or rejection must be made part of the solicitation file. A contracting agency is not liable to any bidder or proposer for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the cancellation or rejection of a solicitation, bid, proposal or award.

(2) Any solicitation or procurement described in a solicitation may be delayed or suspended when the delay or suspension is in the best interest of the contracting agency as determined by the contracting agency. The contracting agency shall make the reasons for the delay or suspension part of the solicitation file. A contracting agency is not liable to any bidder or proposer for any loss or expense caused by or resulting from the delay or suspension of a solicitation, bid, proposal or award. [2003 c.794 §58]

[no Port rule]

Qualifications

279B.110 Responsibility of bidders and proposers. (1) As part of a contracting agency's evaluation of a bid or proposal, the contracting agency shall determine whether the bidder or proposer is responsible in accordance with the standards of responsibility set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If the contracting agency determines that a bidder or proposer is not responsible, the contracting agency shall provide the bidder or proposer with written notice of the contracting agency's determination.

(2) In order for a contracting agency to determine that a bidder or proposer is responsible, the bidder or proposer must demonstrate to the contracting agency that the bidder or proposer:

(a) Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or has the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.

(b) Completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance. For purposes of this paragraph, a satisfactory record of performance means that to the extent that the costs associated with and time available to perform a previous contract remained within the bidder's or proposer's control, the bidder or proposer stayed within the time and budget allotted for the procurement and otherwise performed the contract in a satisfactory manner. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of performance if the contracting agency finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(c) Has a satisfactory record of integrity. The contracting agency in evaluating the bidder's or proposer's record of integrity may consider, among other things, whether the bidder or proposer has previous criminal convictions for offenses related to obtaining or attempting to obtain a contract or subcontract or in connection with the bidder's or proposer's performance of a contract or subcontract. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of integrity if the contracting agency finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(d) Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.

(e) Complied with the tax laws of the state or a political subdivision of the state, including ORS 305.620 and ORS chapters 316, 317 and 318. The bidder or proposer shall demonstrate compliance by attesting to the bidder's or proposer's compliance in any way the contracting agency deems credible and convenient.

(f) Possesses an unexpired certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167 if the bidder or proposer employs 50 or more full-time workers and submitted a bid or proposal for a procurement with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$500,000 in response to an advertisement or solicitation from a state contracting agency.

(g) Supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility. If a bidder or proposer fails to promptly supply information concerning responsibility that the contracting agency requests, the contracting agency shall determine the bidder's or proposer's responsibility based on available information or may find that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

(h) Was not debarred by the contracting agency under ORS 279B.130.

(3) A contracting agency may refuse to disclose outside of the contracting agency confidential information furnished by a bidder or proposer under this section when the bidder or proposer has clearly identified in writing the information the bidder or proposer seeks to have treated as confidential and the contracting agency has authority under ORS 192.311 to 192.478 to withhold

the identified information from disclosure. [2003 c.794 §59; 2009 c.880 §7; 2014 c.77 §3; 2015 c.539 §§1,5a]

[no Port rule]

279B.112 Personnel deployment disclosure; contents; preference for bidder or proposer that will employ more workers in state; rules; exception. (1) A bidder or proposer that submits a bid or proposal for a public contract may submit with the bid or proposal a personnel deployment disclosure. A personnel deployment disclosure that a bidder or proposer submits under this section must state:

(a) The number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder or proposer's subcontractors plan to deploy to perform the work described in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals;

(b) The number of workers that the bidder or proposer and the bidder's or proposer's first-tier subcontractors will employ within this state; and

(c) The number of jobs in each of the categories described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection that would be a newly created job.

(2) A state contracting agency that receives a personnel deployment disclosure from a bidder or proposer under subsection (1) of this section may consider the personnel deployment disclosure in evaluating a bid or proposal if the contracting agency states in the solicitation documents for a procurement that the state contracting agency will consider a personnel deployment disclosure. The state contracting agency may give a preference to a bid or proposal that states that the bidder or proposer will employ more workers within this state than a competing bid or proposal if the bids or proposals otherwise suit the state contracting agency's specifications for the procurement equally well.

(3) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Attorney General and a state contracting agency that adopts rules under ORS 279A.065 may adopt rules to prescribe the form and contents of a personnel deployment disclosure and otherwise to implement the provisions of this section.

(4) This section does not apply to the Secretary of State or the State Treasurer. [2012 c.53 §6]

[no Port rule]

279B.115 Qualified products lists. (1) A contracting agency may develop and maintain a qualified products list in instances in which the testing or examination of goods before initiating a procurement is necessary or desirable in order to best satisfy the requirements of the contracting agency. For purposes of this section, "goods" includes products that have associated or incidental service components, such as supplier warranty obligations or maintenance service programs.

(2) In the initial development of any qualified products list, a contracting agency shall give public notice, in accordance with ORS 279B.055 (4), of the opportunity for potential contractors, sellers or suppliers to submit goods for testing and examination to determine their acceptability for inclusion on the list and may solicit in writing representative groups of potential contractors, sellers or suppliers to submit goods for the testing and examination. Any potential contractor, seller or supplier, even though not solicited, may offer its goods for consideration.

(3) A contracting agency's inclusion of goods on a qualified products list shall be based on the results of tests or examinations. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 192.311 to 192.478, a contracting agency may make the test or examination results public in a manner that protects the identity of the potential contractor, seller or supplier that offered the goods for testing or examination, including by using only numerical designations. Notwithstanding any provision of

ORS 192.311 to 192.478, a contracting agency may keep confidential trade secrets, test data and similar information provided by a potential contractor, seller or supplier if so requested in writing by the potential contractor, seller or supplier.

(4) The inclusion of goods on a qualified products list does not constitute and may not be construed as a prequalification under ORS 279B.120 and 279B.125 of any prospective contractor, seller or supplier of goods on the qualified products list. [2003 c.794 §60]

[no Port rule]

279B.120 Prequalification of prospective bidders and proposers. (1) A contracting agency may prequalify prospective bidders or proposers to submit bids or proposals for public contracts to provide particular types of goods or services. The method of submitting prequalification applications, the information required in order to be prequalified and the forms to be used for submitting prequalification information shall be determined by the contracting agency unless otherwise prescribed by rule adopted by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board.

(2) The contracting agency shall, in response to the receipt of a prequalification application submitted under subsection (1) of this section, notify the prospective bidder or proposer whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified based on the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2), the type and nature of contracts that the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified to compete for and the time period for which the prequalification is valid. If the contracting agency does not prequalify a prospective bidder or proposer as to any contracts covered by the prequalification process, the notice must specify which of the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2) the prospective bidder or proposer failed to meet. Unless the reasons are specified, the prospective bidder or proposer shall be deemed to have been prequalified in accordance with the application.

(3) If a contracting agency subsequently discovers that a prospective bidder or proposer that prequalified under subsections (1) and (2) of this section is no longer qualified, the agency may revoke the prequalification upon reasonable notice to the prospective bidder or proposer, except that a revocation is invalid as to any contract for which an advertisement for bids or proposals has already been issued. [2003 c.794 §61]

Port Rule B.120 Prequalification

(a) Generally

The Port of Portland, in its sole discretion, may require bidders or proposers to prequalify before being eligible to submit bids or proposals for a class of public contracts or for a particular public contract. If prequalification is required, the opportunity to prequalify shall be advertised in the same manner as a solicitation document for the class of public contracts or the particular public contract would be advertised under applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. The method of submitting prequalification applications, the information required in order to be prequalified and the forms to be used for submitting prequalification information shall be provided either in the advertisement or in the solicitation document.

(b) Disqualification

Disqualification of a previously prequalified bidder or proposer shall be in accordance with these Contracting Rules and the provisions of the Public Contracting Code regarding prequalification and disqualification.

(c) Additional Advertising Not Required

Bids or proposals may be solicited for a particular contract from bidders or proposers prequalified for that particular contract, or for a class of contracts including that particular contract, without additional advertising.

279B.125 Application for prequalification. (1) When a contracting agency permits or requires prequalification of bidders or proposers, a prospective bidder or proposer who wishes to prequalify shall submit a prequalification application to the contracting agency on a form prescribed under ORS 279B.120 (1). Upon receipt of a prequalification application, the contracting agency shall investigate the prospective bidder or proposer as necessary to determine whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified. The determination shall be made in less than 30 days, if practicable, if the prospective bidder or proposer requests an early decision to allow the prospective bidder or proposer as much time as possible to prepare a bid or proposal for a contract that has been advertised. In making its determination, the contracting agency shall consider only the applicable standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2). The contracting agency shall promptly notify the prospective bidder or proposer whether the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified.

(2) If the contracting agency finds that a prospective bidder or proposer is qualified, the notice must state the type and nature of contracts that the prospective bidder or proposer is qualified to compete for and the period of time for which the prequalification is valid. If the agency finds that the prospective bidder or proposer is not qualified as to any contracts covered by the rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation, the notice must specify the reasons given under ORS 279B.120 for not prequalifying the prospective bidder or proposer and inform the prospective bidder or proposer of the right to a hearing under ORS 279B.425. To be entitled to a hearing under ORS 279B.425, a prospective bidder or proposer shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer demands a hearing under ORS 279B.425.

(3) If a contracting agency has reasonable cause to believe that there has been a substantial change in the conditions of a prequalified prospective bidder or proposer and that the prospective bidder or proposer is no longer qualified or is less qualified, the contracting agency may revoke or may revise and reissue the prequalification after reasonable notice to the prequalified prospective bidder or proposer. The notice must specify the reasons given under ORS 279B.120 for revocation or revision of the prequalification of the prospective bidder or proposer and inform the prospective bidder or proposer of the right to a hearing under ORS 279B.425. To be entitled to a hearing under ORS 279B.425, a prospective bidder or proposer shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer demands a hearing under ORS 279B.425. A revocation or revision does not apply to any contract for which an advertisement for bids or proposals was issued before the date the notice of revocation or revision was received by the prequalified prospective bidder or proposer. [2003 c.794 §62]

[no Port rule]

279B.130 Debarment of prospective bidders and proposers. (1)(a) A contracting agency may debar a prospective bidder or proposer from consideration for award of the contracting agency's contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section after providing the prospective bidder or proposer with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(b) A contracting agency may not debar a prospective bidder or proposer under this section for more than three years.

(2) A prospective bidder or proposer may be debarred from consideration for award of a contracting agency's contracts if:

(a) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted of a criminal offense as an incident in obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract or in the performance of a public or private contract or subcontract.

(b) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently, seriously and directly affects the prospective bidder's or proposer's responsibility as a contractor.

(c) The prospective bidder or proposer has been convicted under state or federal antitrust statutes.

(d) The prospective bidder or proposer has committed a violation of a contract provision that is regarded by the contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board to be so serious as to justify disqualification. A violation may include but is not limited to a failure to perform the terms of a contract or an unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of the contract. However, a failure to perform or an unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor may not be considered to be a basis for debarment.

(e) The prospective bidder or proposer does not carry workers' compensation or unemployment insurance as required by statute.

(3) A contracting agency shall issue a written decision to debar a prospective bidder or proposer under this section. The decision must:

(a) State the reasons for the action taken; and

(b) Inform the debarred prospective bidder or proposer of the appeal rights of the prospective bidder or proposer under ORS 279B.425.

(4) A copy of the decision issued under subsection (3) of this section must be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the debarred prospective bidder or proposer.

(5) A prospective bidder or proposer that wishes to appeal debarment shall, within three business days after receipt of notice of debarment, notify the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer appeals the debarment as provided in ORS 279B.425. [2003 c.794 §63; 2007 c.764 §8]

[no Port rule]

Notice of Intent to Award

279B.135 Notice of intent to award. At least seven days before the award of a public contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall post or provide to each bidder or proposer notice of the contracting agency's intent to award a contract. This section does not apply to a contract awarded as a small procurement under ORS 279B.065, an intermediate procurement under ORS 279B.070, a sole-source procurement under ORS 279B.075, an emergency procurement under ORS 279B.080 or a special procurement under ORS 279B.085. The notice and its manner of posting or issuance must conform to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. [2003 c.794 §64]

Port Rule B.135 Notice of Intent to Award

(a) The Port of Portland shall post any notice of intent to award pursuant to ORS 279B.135 on its public website using an online vendor bidding system, or alternatively, send the notice of award via mail, fax, or other electronic means to all solicitation holders of record.

(b) Until the notice of intent to award has been posted, bidders or proposers shall not have the opportunity to protest the award in accordance with ORS 279B.410 and Port Rule B.400.

(c) The Port may proceed with the contract execution process during the seven-day intent to award period if it is determined that failure to do so may result in a substantial risk of loss, damage or interruption of services or a substantial threat to property, public health, welfare or safety.

Price Agreements

279B.140 Price agreements. (1) A price agreement constitutes a firm offer by the contractor regardless of whether any order or purchase has been made or any performance has been tendered under the price agreement. Unless the price agreement otherwise provides, a price agreement is enforceable for the period stated in the price agreement and, notwithstanding ORS 72.2050, obligations thereunder are not revocable by the contractor.

(2) Under a price agreement, no quantity unreasonably disproportionate to any stated estimate or, in the absence of a stated estimate, to any normal or otherwise comparable prior requirements may be demanded unless otherwise expressly provided in the price agreement. However, a contracting agency may amend or terminate a price agreement or an order under a price agreement under any of the following circumstances:

(a) Any failure of the contracting agency to receive funding, appropriations, limitations, allotments or other expenditure authority, including the continuation of program operating authority sufficient, as determined in the discretion of the contracting agency, to sustain purchases at the levels contemplated at the time of contracting; or

(b) Any change in law or program termination that makes purchases under the price agreement no longer authorized or appropriate for the contracting agency's use.

(3) A price agreement does not constitute an exclusive dealing commitment on the part of the contracting agency or the contractor unless the price agreement expressly so provides. [2003 c.794 §68]

[no Port rule]

Determinations

279B.145 Finality of determinations. A determination under ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.055 (3) and (7), 279B.060 (4) and (14), 279B.075, 279B.080, 279B.085 and 279B.110 is final and conclusive unless the determination is clearly erroneous, arbitrary, capricious or contrary to law. [2003 c.794 §71; 2009 c.880 §8; 2018 c.85 §§5,6]

[no Port rule]

Specifications

General Provisions

279B.200 Definitions for ORS 279B.200 to 279B.240. As used in ORS 279B.200 to 279B.240:

(1) “Brand name or equal specification” means a specification that uses one or more manufacturers’ names, makes, catalog numbers or similar identifying characteristics to describe the standard of quality, performance, functionality or other characteristics needed to meet the contracting agency’s requirements and that authorizes bidders or proposers to offer goods or services that are equivalent or superior to those named or described in the specification.

(2) “Brand name specification” means a specification limited to one or more products, brand names, makes, manufacturer’s names, catalog numbers or similar identifying characteristics.

(3) “Specification” means any description of the physical or functional characteristics of, or of the nature of, goods or services to be procured by a contracting agency. “Specification” may include a description of any requirement for inspecting, testing or preparing goods or services for delivery. When a solicitation required or authorized by ORS 279B.050 (4) or (5) to be conducted under ORS 279B.055 or 279B.060 calls in whole or in part for the performance of personal services as designated under ORS 279A.055, “specification” also includes any description of the characteristics or nature of the personal services. [2003 c.794 §72; 2007 c.764 §9]

[no Port rule]

279B.205 Specifications to encourage reasonable competition. Consistent with ORS 279A.015, specifications must seek to promote optimal value and suitability for the purposes intended and to reasonably encourage competition in satisfying a contracting agency’s needs. Subject to ORS 279B.405, the specification content must be determined in the sole discretion of the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §74]

[no Port rule]

279B.210 Policy; development of specifications. It is the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage the development of clear, precise and accurate specifications in solicitations for public contracts. To that end, in developing specifications, contracting agencies may consult, under contract or otherwise, with technical experts, suppliers, prospective contractors and representatives of the industries with which the contracting agencies contract. However, a contracting agency shall take reasonable measures to ensure that no person who prepares or assists in the preparation of solicitation documents, specifications, plans or scopes of work, and no business with which the person is associated, realizes a material competitive advantage in a procurement that arises from the agency’s use of the solicitation documents, specifications, plans or scopes of work. The policy against the realization of a material competitive advantage from the character of the specifications developed in conjunction with persons outside the contracting agency does not proscribe advantages that result incidentally from a contracting agency’s specification of the characteristics of a product or work to meet the contracting agency’s needs. [2003 c.794 §75]

Port Rule B.210 ***Bids or Proposals from Bidders or Proposers that Advised or Assisted in Developing Specifications or Other Solicitation Documents***

(a) *Except as provided in subsection (b) below, the Port shall not accept a bid or proposal to provide goods or services in a given procurement from a bidder or proposer that has provided meaningful advice or assistance to the Port in developing specifications, a scope or statement of work, an invitation to bid, a request for proposals, or other solicitation documents for that procurement, whether through contract or as an unpaid service.*

(b) *The Port’s Manager of Contracts & Procurement may grant an exception to the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) above if such Manager determines, based upon a written application from the Port representative promoting the procurement, that accepting the bid or proposal:*

(i) is the only practicable way to procure the goods or services;

(ii) is: (1) unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding the contract or to substantially diminish competition in awarding the contract; and (2) reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the Port or the public; or

(iii) otherwise substantially promotes the Port’s interests in a manner that could not be practicably realized by complying with the prohibition described in subsection (a) above.

(c) *Any application for an exception under subsection (b) above must include detailed written findings supporting the request.*

(d) *For purposes of this rule, “meaningful advice or assistance” means advice or assistance that could give the bidder or proposer that advised or assisted in development of the procurement’s solicitation documents either a genuine or perceived competitive advantage over other potential bidders or proposers.*

279B.215 Brand name or equal specification; brand name specification. (1)(a) A brand name or equal specification may be used when the use of a brand name or equal specification is advantageous to the contracting agency, because the brand name describes the standard of quality, performance, functionality and other characteristics of the product needed by the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency is entitled to determine what constitutes a product that is equal or superior to the product specified, and any such determination is final.

(c) Nothing in this subsection may be construed as prohibiting a contracting agency from specifying one or more comparable products as examples of the quality, performance, functionality or other characteristics of the product needed by the contracting agency.

(2) A brand name specification may be prepared and used only if the contracting agency determines for a solicitation or a class of solicitations that only the identified brand name specification will meet the needs of the contracting agency based on one or more of the following written determinations:

(a) That use of a brand name specification is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts;

(b) That use of a brand name specification would result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency;

(c) That there is only one manufacturer or seller of the product of the quality, performance or functionality required; or

(d) That efficient utilization of existing goods requires the acquisition of compatible goods or services.

(3) A contracting agency's use of a brand name specification may be subject to review only as provided in ORS 279B.405. [2003 c.794 §76; 2005 c.103 §8e]

Port Rule B.215 Specification of Particular Products

(a) Brand Name or Equal Specifications

The Port of Portland may expressly or implicitly use a brand name or equal specification, as defined in ORS 279B.200(1), as an abbreviated means of specifying the Port's needs. In such case offerors may substitute equivalent or superior products. The invitation to bid or request for proposals may require that the Port approve substitutions prior to the submission of offers; otherwise substitutions are allowed after contract award, if they are approved by the Port. The Port will make the determination provided for under ORS 279B.215(1)(b) in the Port's sole discretion. This provision does not apply to brand name specifications under ORS 279B.215(2).

(b) Brand Name Specifications

The Port may expressly or implicitly use a brand name specification, as defined in ORS 279B.200(2), when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or their designee determines in writing that doing so meets the requirements of ORS 279B.215(2). Such a determination shall be effective only for the period of time designated in the determination, whereupon a new determination of the applicability of this rule must be made. Determinations under ORS 279B.215(2) shall be available for public inspection upon request.

279B.220 Conditions concerning payment, contributions, liens, withholding. Every public contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall:

(1) Make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying to the contractor labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

(2) Pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from the contractor or subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract.

(3) Not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof, on account of any labor or material furnished.

(4) Pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167. [2003 c.794 §76a]

[no Port rule]

279B.225 Condition concerning salvaging, recycling, composting or mulching yard waste material. Every public contract for lawn and landscape maintenance shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to salvage, recycle, compost or mulch yard waste material at an approved site, if feasible and cost-effective. [2003 c.794 §76b]

[no Port rule]

279B.230 Condition concerning payment for medical care and providing workers' compensation. (1) Every public contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, copartnership, association or corporation furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of the contractor, of all sums that the contractor agrees to pay for the services and all moneys and sums that the contractor collected or deducted from the

wages of employees under any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for the services.

(2) Every public contract shall contain a clause or condition that all subject employers working under the contract are either employers that will comply with ORS 656.017 or employers that are exempt under ORS 656.126. [2003 c.794 §76c]

[no Port rule]

279B.235 Condition concerning hours of labor; compliance with pay equity provisions; employee discussions of rate of pay or benefits. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) to (6) of this section, every public contract subject to this chapter must provide that:

(a) A contractor may not employ an employee for more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity, emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires otherwise, and in such cases, except in cases of contracts for personal services designated under ORS 279A.055, the contractor shall pay the employee at least time and a half pay for:

(A)(i) All overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(ii) All overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(B) All work the employee performs on Saturday and on any legal holiday specified in ORS 279B.020.

(b) The contractor shall comply with the prohibition set forth in ORS 652.220, that compliance is a material element of the contract and that a failure to comply is a breach that entitles the contracting agency to terminate the contract for cause.

(c) The contractor may not prohibit any of the contractor's employees from discussing the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person and may not retaliate against an employee who discusses the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person.

(2) A contractor shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(3) A public contract for personal services, as described in ORS 279A.055, must provide that the contractor shall pay the contractor's employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for all overtime the employees work in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for employees under a personal services public contract who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(4) A public contract for services at a county fair, or for another event that a county fair board authorizes, must provide that the contractor shall pay employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week. A contractor shall notify employees who work under the public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(5)(a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a public contract for services must provide that the contractor shall pay employees at least time and a half pay for work the employees perform under the public contract on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining

agreement or in ORS 279B.020 (1)(b)(B) to (G) and for all time the employee works in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) A contractor shall notify in writing employees who work on a public contract for services, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(6) This section does not apply to public contracts:

(a) With financial institutions as defined in ORS 706.008.

(b) Made pursuant to the authority of the State Forester or the State Board of Forestry under ORS 477.406 for labor performed in the prevention or suppression of fire.

(c) For goods or personal property. [2003 c.794 §77; 2005 c.103 §8f; 2015 c.454 §4]

[no Port rule]

279B.240 Exclusion of recycled oils prohibited. Every contracting agency shall revise its procedures and specifications for the procurement of lubricating oil and industrial oil to eliminate any exclusion of recycled oils and any requirement that oils be manufactured from virgin materials. [2003 c.794 §78]

[no Port rule]

Specifications in State Contracts

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Legal Remedies

279B.400 Protests and judicial review of approvals of special procurements. (1) Before seeking judicial review of the approval of a special procurement, a person must file a protest, in accordance with the rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, with the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contracting agency, as applicable, and exhaust all available nonjudicial remedies. The rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 shall provide a reasonable time and manner for affected persons to protest the approval of a special procurement under ORS 279B.085.

(2) The approval of a class special procurement by the director under ORS 279B.085 constitutes rulemaking and not a contested case under ORS chapter 183. Any affected person, except the state contracting agency that requested the approval or anyone representing the state contracting agency, may petition the Court of Appeals in the manner provided in ORS 183.400 to test the validity of a class special procurement approved by the director. A proceeding under ORS 183.400 does not affect the validity of a contract executed pursuant to a class special procurement before the petition is filed. Notwithstanding ORS 183.400 (1), before seeking judicial review under this subsection, a person must file a protest with the director as described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3)(a) The approval of a contract-specific special procurement by the director is reviewable under ORS 183.484, but only if judicial review is sought before the contract is awarded. Otherwise, a contract awarded pursuant to the contract-specific special procurement is conclusively presumed valid and may not, in any future judicial or administrative proceeding, be challenged on the ground that the contract was awarded under an invalid special procurement.

(b) Judicial review may be sought from the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency that requested the approval are located. The circuit court shall give priority on its docket and expedited review to proceedings under this subsection.

(4)(a) The approval of a special procurement by a local contract review board may be challenged by filing a writ of review under ORS chapter 34, provided that all available nonjudicial remedies first have been exhausted, including protests as described in subsection (1) of this section. Notwithstanding the 60-day filing period prescribed by ORS 34.030, the approval of a special procurement is not subject to a writ of review proceeding more than 10 days after the board approves the use of the special procurement.

(b) The writ of review may be filed with and is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency that requested the approval are located. The circuit court shall give priority on its docket and expedited review to proceedings under this subsection.

(5) If timely judicial review is sought regarding the approval of a special procurement under ORS 279B.085, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods or services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the person who filed the challenge. Thereafter, after joining the prospective contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion by the person filing the challenge, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(6) In its review, the circuit court shall give due deference to any factual contracting decision made by the contracting agency and may not substitute its judgment for that of the contracting agency, but shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, and if the violation could have affected the award of the contract, the court shall remand the procurement to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §83; 2005 c.103 §8g]

Port Rule B.400 Protests*(a) Applicability*

This rule applies only to protests of the Port of Portland's: (i) special procurements under ORS 279B.400; (ii) solicitations under ORS 279B.405; (iii) contract awards under ORS 279B.410; and (iv) personal services contract solicitations and awards under Port Rule B.500 or ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125, unless another protest procedure is set forth in the procurement document for any such procurement. Port Contracting Rule C.460 applies to protests of the Port's solicitation or award of public improvement contracts under ORS Chapter 279C.

(b) Written Protest Required

If an offeror or prospective offeror wishes to object to any aspect of a Port procurement to which this rule applies, the offeror or prospective offeror ("protester") may file a written protest with the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement. The protest must include all grounds for the protest, and all supporting evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits.

(c) Timeliness

A protest must be filed promptly as soon as the protester knows of the grounds for the protest, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were apparent on the face of the solicitation document, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days before the date by which bids or proposals must be submitted, or such other date as may be provided for in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were not apparent until contract award, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days after the protester knew or should have known of the Port's intent to award the contract, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document.

(d) Written Decision

The Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement shall issue a written decision in response to a protest.

(e) Discretionary Meeting

The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may, but is not required to, schedule a meeting with the protester prior to issuing a written decision. The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may invite other Port staff to the meeting, and, in the case of a procurement involving a Port evaluation team, may invite one or more members of the evaluation team to the meeting.

(f) Appeal and Final Administrative Action

If the protester disagrees with the written decision issued by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, the protester may appeal in writing to the Port's Executive Director. The written appeal must be received by the Executive Director's office within five business days after the protester's receipt of the written decision by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. The Executive Director may decline to consider a late appeal. The written appeal must include all legal arguments and all evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits. The Executive Director shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal, and that written decision shall be the Port's final administrative action with respect to the protest.

(g) Port Not Required to Delay Process During Protest

Subject to ORS 279B.405(9) and ORS 279B.415(4), the Port may proceed with the procurement after denial of protest or denial of appeal, including without limitation award and execution of the contract and commencement of the work thereunder.

279B.405 Protests and judicial review of solicitations. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Brand name” means a brand name specification as defined in ORS 279B.200.

(b) “Legally flawed” means that a solicitation document contains terms or conditions that are contrary to law.

(c) “Unnecessarily restrictive” means that specifications limit competition arbitrarily, without reasonably promoting the fulfillment of the procurement needs of a contracting agency.

(2) A prospective bidder, proposer or offeror for a public contract solicited under ORS 279B.055, 279B.060 or 279B.085 may file a protest with the contracting agency if the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror believes that the procurement process is contrary to law or that a solicitation document is unnecessarily restrictive, is legally flawed or improperly specifies a brand name. If a prospective bidder, proposer or offeror fails to timely file such a protest, the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror may not challenge the contract on grounds under this subsection in any future legal or administrative proceeding.

(3) The contracting agency, pursuant to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, shall notify prospective bidders, proposers or offerors of the time and manner in which a protest under this section may be filed and considered. Before seeking judicial review, a prospective bidder, proposer or offeror must file a protest with the contracting agency and exhaust all available administrative remedies.

(4) The contracting agency shall consider the protest if the protest is timely filed and contains the following:

(a) Sufficient information to identify the solicitation that is the subject of the protest;

(b) The grounds that demonstrate how the procurement process is contrary to law or how the solicitation document is unnecessarily restrictive, is legally flawed or improperly specifies a brand name;

(c) Evidence or supporting documentation that supports the grounds on which the protest is based; and

(d) The relief sought.

(5) If the protest meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section, the contracting agency shall consider the protest and issue a decision in writing. Otherwise, the contracting agency shall promptly notify the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror that the protest is untimely or that the protest failed to meet the requirements of subsection (4) of this section and give the reasons for the failure.

(6) The contracting agency shall issue a decision on the protest in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 no fewer than three business days before bids, proposals or offers are due, unless a written determination is made by the agency that circumstances exist that justify a shorter time limit.

(7) A decision of a contracting agency on a protest under this section, including a protest of a special procurement, is subject to judicial review only if the action or writ of review is filed before the opening of bids, proposals or offers.

(8)(a) A decision of a state contracting agency on a protest under this section is reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located.

(b) A decision of a local contracting agency on a protest under this section is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located.

(9) If judicial review of a contracting agency's decision on a protest under this section is sought, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the prospective bidder, proposer or offeror that filed the protest. Thereafter, after joining the contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion from the person filing the protest, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(10) In its review, the court shall give due deference to any factual decision made by the contracting agency and may not substitute its judgment for that of the contracting agency, but shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the party that sought judicial review, the court shall remand the procurement process to the contracting agency for a determination of whether and how to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §84; 2007 c.764 §11]

[no Port rule – see Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.400]

279B.410 Protests of contract award. (1) A bidder or proposer may protest the award of a public contract or a notice of intent to award a public contract, whichever occurs first, if:

(a) The bidder or proposer is adversely affected because the bidder or proposer would be eligible to be awarded the public contract in the event that the protest were successful; and

(b) The reason for the protest is that:

(A) All lower bids or higher ranked proposals are nonresponsive;

(B) The contracting agency has failed to conduct the evaluation of proposals in accordance with the criteria or processes described in the solicitation materials;

(C) The contracting agency has abused its discretion in rejecting the protestor's bid or proposal as nonresponsive; or

(D) The contracting agency's evaluation of bids or proposals or the contracting agency's subsequent determination of award is otherwise in violation of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A.

(2) The bidder or proposer shall submit the protest to the contracting agency in writing and shall specify the grounds for the protest to be considered by the contracting agency.

(3) The rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 shall establish a reasonable time and manner for protests to be submitted. The contracting agency may not consider late protests.

(4) The contracting agency shall consider and respond in writing to a protest in a timely manner. After the contracting agency issues the response, the bidder or proposer may seek judicial review in the manner provided in ORS 279B.415. [2003 c.794 §85]

[no Port rule – see Port of Portland Contracting Rule B.400]

279B.415 Judicial review of protests of contract award. (1) As used in this section, “bidder” includes a person who submits a proposal to a public contracting agency pursuant to a request for proposals.

(2) A decision by a state contracting agency on a protest of a contract award is reviewable by the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located. A decision by a local contracting agency on a protest of a contract award is reviewable by the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located.

(3) To obtain review, a complainant must commence an action before the contract that is the subject of the protest is approved by the Attorney General, if required by ORS 291.047, and executed by the contracting agency. In the complaint, the complainant shall state the nature of the complainant’s interest, the facts showing how the complainant is adversely affected or aggrieved by the contracting agency’s decision and the basis upon which the decision should be reversed or remanded. The complainant shall join as parties all bidders that would be in line for an award of the contract ahead of the complainant. If injunctive relief is sought, the court may require the person seeking a stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in execution of the contract.

(4) When judicial review is sought, the contracting agency may not proceed with contract execution unless the contracting agency determines that there is a compelling governmental interest in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. If the contracting agency makes such a determination, the contracting agency shall set forth the reasons for the determination in writing and immediately provide them to the complainant. Thereafter, upon motion from the complainant, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency’s determination of the existence of a compelling governmental interest in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency’s determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person seeking the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with delay in contract performance.

(5) The court shall review the matter without a jury and shall consider only those grounds the complainant raised in the protest to the contracting agency.

(6) The court shall remand the matter to the contracting agency for a further decision if:

(a) Substantial evidence does not exist to support the contracting agency’s decision. Substantial evidence exists to support a finding of fact when the record, viewed as a whole, would permit a reasonable person to make that finding;

(b) The contracting agency’s decision was outside the range of discretion delegated to the contracting agency by law;

(c) The decision was inconsistent with a contracting agency rule, an officially stated contracting agency position or an officially stated prior contracting agency practice, if the inconsistency is not explained by the contracting agency; or

(d) The decision was in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision.

(7)(a) In addition to remanding the decision to the contracting agency, the court may order such ancillary relief, such as the cost of bid preparation, as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld. Ancillary relief does not include the award of a contract to the complainant or the award of lost profits or other damages.

(b) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the complainant, the court shall remand the matter to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(c) If a contract has been executed, in addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall include in its order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(d) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §86; 2007 c.764 §12]

[no Port rule]

279B.420 Judicial review of other violations. (1) If a contracting agency allegedly violates a provision of ORS chapter 279A and a judicial remedy is not otherwise available under ORS chapter 279A, 279B or 279C, the alleged violation is subject to judicial review only as provided in this section.

(2) If a contracting agency allegedly violates a provision of this chapter, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, and a judicial remedy is not otherwise provided in this chapter or ORS chapter 279A, the alleged violation is subject to judicial review only as provided in this section.

(3) A person may seek judicial review under this section for a violation described in subsection (1) or (2) of this section only if:

(a) A public contract is about to be awarded or has been awarded;

(b) The alleged violation of a provision of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, occurred in the procurement process for the public contract and the alleged violation resulted in or will result in an unlawful award of a contract or an unlawful failure to award the contract;

(c) The alleged violation deprived the person of the award of the contract or deprived the person of the opportunity to compete for the award of the contract;

(d) The person was qualified to receive the award of the contract under ORS 279B.110;

(e) The person gave written notice that described the alleged violation to the contracting agency not later than 10 days after the date on which the alleged violation occurred and, regardless of when the alleged violation occurred, not later than 10 days after the date of execution of the contract;

(f) The person has exhausted all administrative remedies the contracting agency provides; and

(g)(A) The alleged violation is a violation of a provision of ORS chapter 279A and no other section of ORS chapter 279A, 279B or 279C provides judicial review; or

(B) The alleged violation is a violation of a provision of this chapter, except a provision of ORS 279B.030, 279B.033, 279B.036, 279B.270, 279B.275, 279B.280 or 279B.400 to 279B.425, and no other section of this chapter or ORS chapter 279A provides judicial review.

(4) If a state contracting agency allegedly commits a violation, the Circuit Court for Marion County or the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the state contracting agency are located may review the alleged violation under ORS 183.484.

(5) If a local contracting agency allegedly commits a violation, the circuit court for the county in which the principal offices of the local contracting agency are located may review the alleged violation by means of a writ of review under ORS chapter 34.

(6) If a person gives the notice required under subsection (3)(e) of this section and timely seeks judicial review under this section, the contracting agency may not execute the contract unless the contracting agency determines that a compelling governmental interest exists in proceeding or that the goods and services are urgently needed. A contracting agency that makes such a determination shall set forth in writing the reasons for the determination and immediately provide the reasons to the person who filed the challenge. Thereafter, after joining the prospective contractor as a party to the litigation and upon motion by the person who filed the challenge, the court may nonetheless stay the performance of the contract if the court finds that the contracting agency's determination that a compelling governmental interest exists in proceeding with contract execution, or the contracting agency's determination that the goods or services were urgently needed, was not supported by substantial evidence or constituted a manifest abuse of discretion. In granting a stay, the court may require the person who sought the stay to post a bond in an amount sufficient to protect the contracting agency and the public from costs associated with a delay in contract performance.

(7) In a review, the circuit court shall give due deference to any factual contracting decision the contracting agency made and may not substitute the court's judgment for the contracting agency's judgment. The court shall review all questions of law de novo. Thereafter:

(a) If a contract has not been executed and the court rules in favor of the person that sought judicial review, and if the violation could have affected the award of the contract, the court shall remand the procurement to the contracting agency for a determination whether to continue with the procurement process in light of the court's decision.

(b) In addition to the relief provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, if a contract has been executed and the court rules in favor of the person that sought judicial review, the court shall include in the court's order a determination whether the party that signed the contract with the contracting agency is entitled to reimbursement under the conditions of, and calculated in the same manner as provided in, ORS 279C.470. Notwithstanding that ORS 279C.470 otherwise applies only to public improvement contracts, under this paragraph the court shall apply ORS 279C.470 to both public improvement contracts and other public contracts of contracting agencies.

(c) The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §86a; 2009 c.880 §8a; 2011 c.9 §33]

[no Port rule]

279B.425 Review of prequalification and debarment decisions. (1) The procedure for appeal from the denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification under ORS 279B.125, or from a debarment under ORS 279B.130, shall be in accordance with this section and is not subject to ORS chapter 183 except when specifically provided by this section.

(2) Upon receipt of a notice from a contracting agency of a prequalification decision under ORS 279B.125 or of a decision to debar under ORS 279B.130, a prospective bidder or proposer that wishes to appeal the decision shall, within three business days after receipt of the notice, notify

the contracting agency that the prospective bidder or proposer appeals the decision as provided in this section.

(3) Immediately upon receipt of the prospective bidder's or proposer's notice of appeal, the contracting agency shall:

(a) If the contracting agency is a state contracting agency, notify the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(b) If the contracting agency is a local contracting agency, notify the appropriate local contract review board.

(4) Upon the receipt of notice from the contracting agency under subsection (3) of this section, the director or board shall promptly notify the person appealing and the contracting agency of the time and place of the hearing. The director or board shall conduct the hearing and decide the appeal within 30 days after receiving the notice from the contracting agency. The director or board shall set forth in writing the reasons for the hearing decision.

(5) At the hearing the director or board shall consider de novo the notice of denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification or the notice of debarment, the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279B.110 (2) on which the contracting agency based the denial, revocation or revision of the prequalification or the reasons listed in ORS 279B.130 (2) on which the contracting agency based the debarment, and any evidence provided by the parties. In all other respects, a hearing before the director shall be conducted in the same manner as a contested case under ORS 183.417 (1) to (4) and (7), 183.425, 183.440, 183.450 and 183.452. Hearings before a board shall be conducted under rules of procedure adopted by the board.

(6) The director or board may allocate the director's or board's costs for the hearing between the person appealing and the contracting agency whose prequalification or debarment decision is being appealed. The allocation shall be based upon facts found by the director or board and stated in the final order that, in the director's or board's opinion, warrant such allocation of costs. If the final order does not allocate the costs for the hearing, the costs shall be paid as follows:

(a) If the decision to deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person as a bidder or the decision to debar a person is upheld, the costs shall be paid by the person appealing the decision.

(b) If the decision to deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person as a bidder or the decision to debar a person is reversed, the costs shall be paid by the contracting agency whose prequalification or debarment decision is the subject of the appeal.

(7) A decision of the director or board may be reviewed only upon a petition, filed within 15 days after the date of the decision, in the circuit court of the county in which the director or board has its principal office. The circuit court shall reverse or modify the decision only if it finds:

(a) The decision was obtained through corruption, fraud or undue means;

(b) There was evident partiality or corruption that operated to the substantial prejudice of the petitioner on the part of the director or board or any of the board's members; or

(c) There was an evident material miscalculation of figures or an evident material mistake in the description of any person, thing or property referred to in the decision, and the miscalculation or mistake operated to the substantial prejudice of the petitioner.

(8) The procedure provided in this section is the exclusive means of judicial review of the decision of the director or board. The judicial review provisions of ORS 183.480 and writs of review and mandamus as provided in ORS chapter 34, and other legal, declaratory and injunctive remedies, are not available.

(9) The circuit court may stay the letting of the contract that is the subject of the petition in the same manner as a suit in equity. When the court determines that there has been an improper debarment or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification and the contract has been let, the court may proceed to take evidence to determine the damages, if any, suffered by the petitioner and may award such damages as the court may find as a judgment against the director or board.

The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §87; 2007 c.288 §12]

[no Port rule -- Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 12, Disqualification Appeal Procedure, sets forth the Port's rules applicable to ORS 279B.425.]

PERSONAL SERVICES

Port Rule B.500 Personal Services Contracts

(1) Procedures for Selecting Personal Services Contractors

Port Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 defines “personal services.” Pursuant to ORS 279A.070, the Port of Portland will use following procedures to screen and select persons to perform personal services for the Port:

(a) Except as provided in Section (1)(b) immediately below, the Port will follow procedures established under Port Contracting Rule B.065 (Small Procurements), Port Contracting Rule B.070 (Intermediate Procurements), or Port Contracting Rule B.060 (Competitive Sealed Proposals), as may be determined applicable by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, when the Port contracts for personal services contracts.

(b) Screening and selection procedures for persons to perform architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning, land surveying, or related services under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 are noted immediately above ORS 279C.100 in these rules.

(c) Regardless of the selection process used, the individual(s) in charge of selecting a personal services contractor on behalf of the Port shall ensure that the quality of the service offered by the personal services contractor is sufficient for the Port's particular needs under the circumstances, and that the cost to the Port for the services is fair and reasonable under the circumstances.

(2) Personal Services Contract Exemptions from Competitive Proposal Requirements

(A) Sole Source

If the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that only one firm is qualified and available to perform a personal services contract, a contract may be awarded to that firm without soliciting proposals from others.

(B) Sensitive Contracts

A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that the contract is of a sensitive nature such that the public interest would be best served if the matter were not disclosed or publicized at the time the contract is being awarded.

(C) Unique or Specialized Knowledge or Expertise

A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if the contractor has unique or specialized knowledge or expertise required by the Port, and the Manager of Contracts and Procurement has determined that solicitation of proposals from others would not be in the Port's best interests.

(D) Emergency Contracts

A personal services contract may be awarded without soliciting proposals from others if prompt execution of a contract is necessary to remedy an emergency or in the event of a disaster. Authorization for such award must be obtained in accordance with Port Rule B.080(a).

(3) Prohibited Compensation Methodologies

Except as otherwise allowed by law, the Port shall not enter into any personal services contract which expressly compensates a consultant under any of the following methodologies: (a) payment of the consultant's costs under the personal services contract plus a percentage of those costs; (b) payment of a percentage of the applicable Port project's construction costs, or of a percentage of the total costs of the applicable Port project; or (c) payment based on hourly rates for the consultant's personnel plus reimbursable expenses (sometimes referred to as a "time and materials" contract) when the personal services contract does not also include a maximum amount payable under the contract.

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[no Port rule]

279C.010 Applicability. Except as provided in ORS 279C.320, public contracting under this chapter is subject to ORS chapter 279A, but not ORS chapter 279B. [2003 c.794 §88a; 2005 c.103 §9]

Port Rule C.010 Application

This Division C of the Port of Portland’s Contracting Rules implements ORS chapter 279C, Public Contracting – Public Improvements, and applies to the procurement of public improvement contracts and contracts for public works.

Architectural, Engineering, Photogrammetric Mapping, Transportation Planning, Land Surveying and Related Services

Note: Pursuant to Port of Portland Contracting Rule A.065, the model rules adopted by the Attorney General for consultant selection under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 do not apply to the Port. The Port’s procedures for the screening and selection of persons to perform services under ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 will be as set forth herein and as may be set forth within the Port’s Purchasing Manual from time to time.

279C.100 Definitions for ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125. As used in ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125:

- (1) “Architect” has the meaning given that term in ORS 671.010.
- (2) “Architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services” means professional services that are required to be performed by an architect, engineer, photogrammetrist, transportation planner or land surveyor.
- (3) “Engineer” means a person who is registered and holds a valid certificate in the practice of engineering in the State of Oregon, as provided under ORS 672.002 to 672.325, and includes all terms listed in ORS 672.002 (2).
- (4) “Land surveyor” means a person who is registered and holds a valid certificate in the practice of land surveying in the State of Oregon, as provided under ORS 672.002 to 672.325, and includes all terms listed in ORS 672.002 (5).
- (5) “Personal services” means the services of a person or persons that are designated by a state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contracting agency as personal services. “Personal services” includes architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services procured under ORS 279C.105 or 279C.110 and related services procured under ORS 279C.120.
- (6) “Photogrammetric mapping” has the meaning given that term in ORS 672.002.
- (7) “Photogrammetrist” has the meaning given that term in ORS 672.002.
- (8) “Related services” means personal services, other than architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services, that are related to planning, designing, engineering or overseeing public improvement projects or components of

public improvement projects, including but not limited to landscape architectural services, facilities planning services, energy planning services, space planning services, hazardous substances or hazardous waste or toxic substances testing services, cost estimating services, appraising services, material testing services, mechanical system balancing services, commissioning services, project management services, construction management services and owner's representation services or land-use planning services.

(9) "Transportation planning services" means transportation planning services for projects that require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. [2003 c.794 §89; 2005 c.103 §10; 2005 c.445 §12; 2011 c.458 §1; 2013 c.196 §20]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100. For purposes of ORS 279C.100(5), Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rule No. 5 designates certain services as "personal services."]

279C.105 Contracts for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying and related services; procedures. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279A.140, a contracting agency may enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services on behalf of a state contracting agency that is subject to ORS 279A.140. The provisions of this section do not relieve the contracting agency of the duty to comply with ORS 279A.140, other law applicable to the state contracting agency or applicable city or county charter provisions. A contracting agency that is authorized to enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services shall adopt procedures to screen and select persons to perform architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services and related services under ORS 279C.110 or 279C.120.

(2) A state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050 or a local contract review board by ordinance, resolution, administrative rule or other regulation may, consistent with the provisions of ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125, designate certain personal services contracts or classes of personal service contracts as contracts for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services. [2003 c.794 §90; 2005 c.103 §11; 2011 c.458 §2]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.107 Public disclosure of contents of proposals for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services; treatment of trade secrets and confidential information. (1) Notwithstanding the public records law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478, if a contracting agency solicits a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services by a competitive proposal:

(a) The contracting agency may open proposals so as to avoid disclosing contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation.

(b) The contracting agency need not open proposals for public inspection until after the contracting agency executes a contract.

(2) Notwithstanding any requirement to open proposals to public inspection after the contracting agency executes a contract, a contracting agency shall withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.345, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.355, that are contained in a proposal. Opening a proposal at a public meeting, as defined in ORS 192.610, does not make the contents of the proposal subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body that opens the proposal fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals. If a request for proposals is canceled after proposals are received, the contracting agency shall, subject to ORS 192.345 and 192.355, return a proposal and all copies of the proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation. [2007 c.764 §41; 2011 c.458 §3]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.110 Selection procedures for consultants to provide services; use of pricing proposals; compensation; protests; applicability; rules. (1) A contracting agency shall select a consultant to provide architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services on the basis of the consultant’s qualifications for the type of professional service required. A contracting agency may solicit or use pricing policies and proposals or other pricing information, including the number of hours proposed for the service required, expenses, hourly rates and overhead, to determine consultant compensation only after the contracting agency has selected a consultant.

(2) Subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the procedures that a contracting agency creates to screen prospective consultants and make a selection are at the contracting agency’s sole discretion. The contracting agency may adjust the procedures to accommodate the contracting agency’s scope, schedule or objectives for a particular project if the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for the project does not exceed \$250,000.

(3) A contracting agency’s screening and selection procedures under this section, regardless of the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for a project, may include considering each prospective consultant’s:

(a) Specialized experience, capabilities and technical competence, which the prospective consultant may demonstrate with the prospective consultant’s proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements;

(b) Resources committed to perform the services and the proportion of the time that the prospective consultant’s staff would spend to perform services for the contracting agency, including time for specialized services, within the applicable time limits;

(c) Record of past performance, including but not limited to price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control and contract administration;

(d) Ownership status and employment practices regarding disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, emerging small businesses or historically underutilized businesses;

(e) Availability to the project locale;

(f) Familiarity with the project locale; and

(g) Proposed project management techniques.

(4) If the screening and selection procedures a contracting agency follows under this section or creates under subsection (2) of this section result in the contracting agency’s determination that two or more prospective consultants are equally qualified, the contracting agency may use any

process to select a consultant that is not based on the prospective consultant's pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information.

(5) Notwithstanding the requirement in subsection (1) of this section that a contracting agency may not solicit or use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information until after the contracting agency has selected a consultant, a local contracting agency may use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information as part of the local contracting agency's screening and selection of prospective consultants if the local contracting agency:

(a) States in solicitation documents for the procurement:

(A) That the local contracting agency will screen and select prospective consultants as provided in this subsection;

(B) How the local contracting agency will rank proposals from prospective consultants, with a specific focus on:

(i) Which factors the local contracting agency will consider in evaluating proposals, including pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information, if the local contracting agency will use pricing policies, proposals or other pricing information in the evaluation; and

(ii) The relative weight the local contracting agency will give each factor, disclosing at a minimum the number of available points for each factor, the percentage each factor comprises in the total evaluation score and any other weighting criteria the local contracting agency intends to use;

(C) An estimate of the cost of professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement; and

(D) A scope of work that is sufficiently detailed to enable a prospective consultant to prepare a responsive proposal.

(b) Evaluates each prospective consultant on the basis of the prospective consultant's qualifications to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement. The local contracting agency may use the criteria set forth in subsection (3) of this section to conduct the evaluation.

(c) Announces the evaluation scores and rank for each prospective consultant after completing the evaluation described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. The local contracting agency may determine that as many as three of the top-ranked prospective consultants are qualified to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement and may request a pricing proposal for the scope of work stated in paragraph (a)(D) of this subsection from each of the top-ranked consultants. The pricing proposal:

(A) Must consist of:

(i) A schedule of hourly rates that the prospective consultant will charge for the work of each individual or each labor classification that will perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement, in the form of an offer that is irrevocable for not less than 90 days after the date of the proposal; and

(ii) A reasonable estimate of hours that the prospective consultant will require to perform the professional services the local contracting agency requires for the procurement; and

(B) May include, at the local contracting agency's request, additional pricing information that is limited to:

(i) A description of each task that the prospective consultant understands as comprising the professional services;

(ii) A list of each individual or labor classification that will perform each task, together with the hourly rate that applies to the individual or labor classification; and

(iii) A list of expenses, including travel expenses, that the prospective consultant expects to incur in connection with providing the professional services.

(d) Permits a prospective consultant identified as qualified under paragraph (c) of this subsection to withdraw from consideration for the procurement if the prospective consultant does not wish to provide a price proposal.

(e) Completes the evaluation and selects a consultant from among the top-ranked prospective consultants that have not withdrawn as provided under paragraph (d) of this subsection, giving not more than 15 percent of the weight in the evaluation to each prospective consultant's price proposal.

(6) The contracting agency and the consultant that the contracting agency selects shall mutually discuss, refine and finalize the scope of, the rates and number of hours applicable to, and the maximum compensation level for the professional services and shall negotiate conditions including, but not limited to, a performance schedule for the project. The contracting agency may not pay a compensation level that exceeds a level that the contracting agency alone determines is fair and reasonable to the contracting agency. Authority to negotiate a contract under this section does not supersede any provision of ORS 279A.140 or 279C.520.

(7) If the contracting agency and a consultant that the contracting agency selected are unable for any reason to negotiate a contract at a compensation level that is reasonable and fair to the contracting agency, the contracting agency shall, either orally or in writing, formally terminate negotiations with the selected consultant. The contracting agency may then negotiate with the next most qualified prospective consultant. The contracting agency may continue in this manner through successive prospective consultants until an agreement is reached or the contracting agency terminates the selection process.

(8) A prospective consultant has a right to protest the contents of a contracting agency's solicitation documents and the contracting agency's selection of a consultant in accordance with:

- (a) Protest procedures in model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065; or
- (b) Protest procedures the contracting agency must set forth in rules that the contracting agency adopts, if the contracting agency adopts rules under ORS 279A.065 (6).

(9) A goal of this state is to promote a sustainable economy in the rural areas of this state. In order to monitor progress toward this goal, a state contracting agency shall keep a record of the locations in which architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services contracts and related services contracts are performed throughout this state, the locations of the selected consultants and the direct expenses of each contract. This record must include the total number of contracts awarded to each consultant over a 10-year period. The record of direct expenses must include all personnel travel expenses as a separate and identifiable expense of the contract. Upon request, the state contracting agency shall make these records available to the public.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a contracting agency may directly appoint a consultant if the estimated cost of the architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services for the project does not exceed \$100,000.

(11) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (10) of this section, a contracting agency may directly appoint a consultant for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services in an emergency. [2003 c.794 §91; 2003 c.794 §92; 2005 c.509 §§1,3; 2011 c.458 §4; 2015 c.565 §15; 2019 c.55 §1; 2023 c.497 §14]

Port Rule C.110 Mixed Contracts; Prohibited Compensation Methodologies*(a) Mixed Contracts*

For purposes of this rule, a “mixed contract” is a Port of Portland personal services contract which requires the personal services provider to perform consulting services that are governed by ORS 279C.110 and to provide one of the following under the same contract: related services that are governed by ORS 279C.120; or other services or goods that are governed under ORS Chapter 279B. The Port’s procurement procedure for a mixed contract will be determined by the predominant purpose of the contract. The Port will determine the predominant purpose of the contract by determining which of the services involves the majority of the total estimated fee to be paid under the contract. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for consulting services that are governed by ORS 279C.110, the Port shall comply with the requirements of ORS 279C.110. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for related services that are governed by ORS 279C.120, the Port shall comply with the requirements of ORS 279C.120. If the majority of the total estimated fee is for services or goods that are governed under ORS Chapter 279B, the Port shall comply with the applicable provisions of ORS Chapter 279B and any Port Contracting Rules applicable thereunder.

(b) Prohibited Compensation Methodologies

Except as otherwise allowed by law, the Port shall not enter into any personal services contract subject to ORS 279C.100 – 279C.125 which expressly compensates a personal services provider under any of the following methodologies: (a) payment of the personal services provider's costs under the personal services contract plus a percentage of those costs; (b) payment of a percentage of the applicable Port project’s construction costs, or of a percentage of the total costs of the applicable Port project; or (c) payment based on hourly rates for the personal services provider's personnel plus reimbursable expenses (sometimes referred to as a "time and materials" contract) when the personal services contract does not also include a maximum amount payable to the personal services provider under the contract.

279C.115 Direct contracts for services of consultants. (1) As used in this section, “consultant” means an architect, engineer, photogrammetrist, transportation planner or land surveyor.

(2) A contracting agency may enter into a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services directly with a consultant if the project described in the contract consists of work that has been substantially described, planned or otherwise previously studied or rendered in an earlier contract with the consultant that was awarded under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 and the new contract is a continuation of the project.

(3) A contracting agency may adopt criteria for determining when this section applies to a contract for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning or land surveying services or related services. [2003 c.794 §94; 2011 c.458 §5]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.120 Selection procedure for related services. (1) A contracting agency may select consultants to perform related services:

(a) In accordance with screening and selection procedures adopted under ORS 279C.105;

(b) On the basis of the qualifications of the consultants for the types of related services required, under the requirements of ORS 279C.110; or

(c) On the basis of price competition, price and performance evaluations, an evaluation of the capabilities of bidders to perform the needed related services or an evaluation of the capabilities of the bidders to perform the needed related services followed by negotiations between the parties on the price for those related services.

(2) Subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, the procedures that a contracting agency adopts for the screening and selection of consultants and the selection of a candidate under this section is within the sole discretion of the contracting agency and may be adjusted to accommodate the contracting agency's scope, schedule and budget objectives for a particular project. Adjustments to accommodate a contracting agency's objectives may include provision for the direct appointment of a consultant if the value of the project does not exceed a threshold amount as determined by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §95]

[no Port rule – see Port Contracting Rule C.110 and Note above ORS 279C.100]

279C.125 Architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning and land surveying services selection process for local public improvements procured through state agency; rules. (1) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or any other state contracting agency shall adopt rules establishing a two-tiered selection process for contracts with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners and land surveyors to perform personal services contracts. The selection process shall apply only if:

(a) A public improvement is owned and maintained by a local government; and

(b) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or another state contracting agency will serve as the lead state contracting agency and will execute personal services contracts with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners and land surveyors for work on the public improvement project.

(2) The selection process required by subsection (1) of this section must require the lead state contracting agency to select no fewer than the three most qualified consultants when feasible in accordance with ORS 279C.110.

(3) The local government is responsible for the final selection of the consultant from the list of qualified consultants selected by the lead state contracting agency or through an alternative process adopted by the local government.

(4) Nothing in this section applies to the selection process used by a local contracting agency when the contracting agency executes a contract directly with architects, engineers, photogrammetrists, transportation planners or land surveyors. [2003 c.794 §96; 2011 c.458 §6]

[no Port rule – see Note above ORS 279C.100]

Procurement of Construction Services

General Policies

279C.300 Policy on competition. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that public improvement contracts awarded under this chapter must be based on competitive bidding, except as otherwise specifically provided in ORS 279C.335 for exceptions and formal exemptions from competitive bidding requirements. [2003 c.794 §97]

[no Port rule]

279C.303 Production in United States of materials for public improvements and public works; waiver and review of waiver; technical assistance and grant program; rules. * * *

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279C.305 Least-cost policy for public improvements; requirement to file list of planned projects and estimated costs and to identify projects contracting agency intends to complete with own personnel and resources; required analysis; exceptions. (1) The policy of the State of Oregon is that contracting agencies shall make every effort to construct public improvements at the least cost to the contracting agency.

(2)(a) Not less than 30 days before adopting a budget for the subsequent budget period or before starting to construct a public improvement, each contracting agency shall prepare and file with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries a list of every public improvement that the contracting agency plans to fund in the budget period, identifying each improvement by name and estimating the total on-site construction costs. The list must also state whether the contracting agency intends to perform the construction through a private contractor.

(b) If the contracting agency intends to use the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel to perform construction work on a public improvement, and the estimated value of the construction work that the contracting agency intends to perform with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel exceeds \$200,000, the contracting agency shall file with the commissioner not later than 180 days before construction begins on the public improvement an analysis that shows that the contracting agency's decision conforms to the policy stated in subsection (1) of this section. The list and the analysis are public records and the contracting agency may periodically revise the list or analysis.

(3) As part of the analysis required under subsection (2)(b) of this section, a contracting agency shall:

(a) Estimate the cost of contracting with a private contractor to construct the public improvement, including in the estimate all necessary and related costs that the private contractor would incur to construct the public improvement;

(b) Estimate the costs the contracting agency would incur in constructing the public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel and include in the estimate:

(A) The cost of labor, including all benefits the contracting agency pays to or on behalf of employees of the contracting agency who will work on the public improvement, workers' compensation insurance premiums and the cost of traveling to and from the site of the public improvement;

(B) The cost of equipment, including costs associated with leasing, renting or acquiring and owning the equipment, costs for transporting the equipment to and from the site of the public improvement, costs for depreciation and costs for insuring, operating, storing, repairing and maintaining the equipment;

(C) The costs of administration and overhead the contracting agency will incur, including insurance, shop and office costs that are allocable to the public improvement;

(D) The cost of tools and materials;

(E) The costs associated with any contracts into which the contracting agency must enter;

(F) The commercially reasonable value of quality control testing if the contracting agency would require quality control testing for the work that a private contractor performed on the public improvement; and

(G) Any other necessary and related costs that the contracting agency will incur to construct the public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel; and

(c) Compare the cost the contracting agency estimates under paragraph (a) of this subsection with the cost the contracting agency estimates under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(4) Before a contracting agency constructs a public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel, the contracting agency shall:

(a) Prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the unit cost of each classification of construction work that are sufficient to control the performance of the construction work and ensure satisfactory construction quality, if the estimated cost of the public improvement exceeds \$200,000; and

(b) Prepare and preserve a full, true and accurate account of the actual costs of performing the work, including all categories of costs described in subsection (3)(b) of this section. The final account of the costs is a public record.

(5) Subsections (2) to (4) of this section do not apply to a contracting agency if:

(a) The public improvement is for distributing or transmitting electric power; or

(b) The contracting agency did not receive a responsive bid or proposal for constructing the public improvement from a responsible bidder or proposer after soliciting bids or proposals for constructing the public improvement, if the solicitation:

(A) Occurred within one year before the date on which construction began; and

(B) Allowed a commercially reasonable time in which to perform the construction.

(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, for purposes of this section, resurfacing highways, roads or streets at a depth of two or more inches and at an estimated cost that exceeds \$125,000 is a public improvement that is subject to the listing, analysis and accounting provisions of subsections (2) to (4) of this section.

(b) A public improvement does not include placing maintenance patching, chip seals or other seals as a maintenance treatment on highways, roads, streets or bridges.

(c) A contracting agency shall prepare and preserve a full, true and accurate account of the actual costs of performing road or street resurfacing if the actual or estimated cost of the highway, road or street resurfacing exceeds \$125,000.

(7)(a) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall conduct a review of:

(A) The costs described in subsection (3) of this section to determine whether contracting agencies must adjust the methodology for calculating the costs;

(B) The threshold amounts specified for conducting the analysis described in subsection (2)(b) of this section and preparing the specifications and cost estimates described in subsection (4) of this section to determine whether to adjust the threshold amounts; and

(C) Other aspects of the implementation of the policy set forth in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) The bureau shall conduct the review described in paragraph (a) of this subsection every four years, beginning in the last calendar quarter of 2021, and in consultation with affected contracting agencies, contractors and trade associations. The bureau shall communicate the results of the review to all contracting agencies, shall make the results available to interested persons upon request and shall report the results to the Legislative Assembly not later than January 1 of the calendar year that follows the year in which the bureau conducted the review. [2003 c.794 §98; 2017 c.715 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.306 Administrative enforcement of least-cost policy for public improvements; procedure; civil action. (1)(a) A contractor, or a trade association of contractors acting on behalf of a member of the trade association, may allege in a complaint to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries that a contracting agency has violated ORS 279C.305 with respect to a public improvement that a contractor was eligible to construct.

(b) A complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection must set forth the acts or omissions that constitute the alleged violation. The contractor or trade association must file the complaint with the commissioner within one year after the contractor or trade association discovered or should have known that the violation occurred.

(c) The contractor or trade association must submit along with a complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection a filing fee of \$250. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence of a violation, the commissioner shall refund the filing fee. The commissioner by rule may specify other circumstances in which the commissioner will refund the filing fee.

(d) The commissioner shall dismiss a complaint under this subsection if the contractor or trade association brings an action in a court of this state or initiates another proceeding that alleges an act or omission that is the same or substantially similar to an act or omission the contractor or trade association alleged in the complaint.

(2)(a) The commissioner shall investigate a violation of ORS 279C.305 that is alleged in a complaint under subsection (1) of this section or that the commissioner discovers or otherwise has reason to believe occurred unless the commissioner reasonably concludes that the facts alleged do not constitute a violation or that the complaint is frivolous or was filed to harass the contracting agency or for purposes other than to enforce the requirements of ORS 279C.305.

(b) In the course of an investigation under this subsection, to the extent reasonably necessary, the commissioner may:

(A) Compel attendance from witnesses, receive testimony and examine the witnesses under oath;

(B) Require a contracting agency or an employee of a contracting agency to produce books, records, files and other documents; and

(C) Take any other action the commissioner deems necessary to conduct the investigation.

(3)(a) The commissioner must conclude an investigation under subsection (2) of this section within 60 days after beginning the investigation and must either find substantial evidence of a violation of ORS 279C.305 or end the investigation and dismiss any complaint. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence of a violation, the commissioner shall:

(A) Notify the contracting agency in writing that the commissioner has found substantial evidence of a violation of ORS 279C.305, describe the nature of the violation and, if the commissioner has not found substantial evidence of a violation in the five years preceding the date on which the commissioner began the investigation, state that for future violations, the commissioner will require the contracting agency to negotiate an agreement under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(B) Provide a copy of any notice the commissioner issued under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph to any contractor or trade association that filed a complaint concerning the violation under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) If the commissioner in the course of an investigation under subsection (2) of this section finds substantial evidence that the contracting agency violated ORS 279C.305 within the five years preceding the date on which the commissioner began the investigation, the commissioner shall specify a period of time within which the contracting agency must negotiate an agreement with the contractor or the trade association to remedy the violation and prevent future violations.

(c) If the contracting agency and the contractor or trade association enter into an agreement within the specified period, the commissioner in an order shall set forth, and direct the contracting agency to comply with, the terms of the agreement.

(d) If negotiations between the contracting agency and the contractor or trade association do not result in an agreement within the time the commissioner specifies, the commissioner may:

(A) Extend the time period for negotiations;

(B) End negotiations and dismiss the complaint, provided that the commissioner states the commissioner's reasons for the dismissal in an order to dismiss the complaint; or

(C) End negotiations and initiate a contested case hearing against the contracting agency under ORS chapter 183.

(4)(a) If a contracting agency that is a party to an agreement set forth in accordance with an order of the commissioner under subsection (3)(c) of this section breaches the agreement, a contractor or trade association that is a party to the agreement may submit a complaint to the commissioner that asks the commissioner to enforce the agreement. The contractor or trade association must file the complaint within 180 days after the date the contractor or trade association discovered or should have known of the breach.

(b) The commissioner shall investigate a complaint that a contractor or trade association files under paragraph (a) of this subsection as provided in subsection (2) of this section. If the commissioner finds substantial evidence that the contracting agency materially breached the agreement, the commissioner may:

(A) Issue an order to cease and desist from the contracting agency's material breach and to perform actions that the commissioner determines will carry out the purposes of ORS 279C.305 and remedy the effects of the breach; or

(B) Conduct a contested case hearing in accordance with ORS chapter 183.

(c) An order to cease and desist that the commissioner issues under paragraph (b)(A) of this subsection may not include an award of attorney fees. The remedy that the commissioner orders may include requiring the contracting agency to enter into a contract with a contractor to perform any remaining construction on the public improvement that is the subject of the contracting agency's violation.

(5)(a) If the commissioner finds by a preponderance of the evidence in a contested case hearing under subsection (3)(d)(C) of this section that a local contracting agency violated the least cost policy set forth in ORS 279C.305 (1), or in a contested case hearing under subsection (4)(b)(B) of this section that a local contracting agency materially breached the agreement described in subsection (3)(c) of this section, the commissioner shall order the contracting agency to cease and desist from the conduct that constitutes the breach and may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for the violation or breach or a civil penalty of not more than \$20,000 if the commissioner determines that the local contracting agency willfully engaged in a violation of the least cost policy set forth in ORS 279C.305 (1).

(b) The commissioner shall impose a civil penalty under paragraph (a) of this subsection in accordance with ORS 183.745 and shall apply the proceeds of the civil penalty first to the costs of the commissioner's investigation and any administrative proceedings that result from the investigation. The commissioner shall deposit any remaining proceeds in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(6) In addition to other available remedies for violations of orders of the commissioner, a contractor or trade association may bring a civil action to enforce a cease and desist order issued under subsection (5)(a) of this section through writ of mandamus or specific performance. [2017 c.715 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.307 Limitations in procurement of personal services; exceptions; procedure for obtaining exception from appropriate authority; basis for approving exception. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a contracting agency that procures personal services for the purpose of administering, managing, monitoring, inspecting, evaluating compliance with or otherwise overseeing a public contract that is subject to this chapter may not:

(a) Procure the personal services from a contractor or an affiliate of a contractor who is a party to the public contract that is subject to administration, management, monitoring, inspection, evaluation or oversight by means of the personal services; or

(b) Procure the personal services through the public contract that is subject to administration, management, monitoring, inspection, evaluation or oversight by means of the personal services.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a combination of preconstruction services and construction services in a procurement for construction manager/general contractor services or to a combination of design services and construction services in a design-build procurement, as defined in rules the Attorney General or a contracting agency adopts under ORS 279A.065.

(3)(a) If a contracting agency anticipates that the contracting agency must procure personal services of the type described in subsection (1) of this section and the contracting agency intends to accept a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the contracting agency shall apply to an appropriate authority for an exception to the prohibition before awarding a public contract for the personal services or amending an existing public contract to include the personal services.

(b) For a state contracting agency, the appropriate authority is the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. For a local contracting agency, the appropriate authority is the local contracting agency's local contract review board. For the Department of Transportation, with respect to a procurement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the appropriate authority is the Director of Transportation.

(c) In preparing an application under paragraph (a) of this subsection, a contracting agency shall consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section and this chapter. The requirements of this paragraph are in addition to any requirements for legal sufficiency approval under ORS 291.047.

(d) An application under paragraph (a) of this subsection must include findings and justifications, along with sufficient facts to support the findings and justifications, that enable the authority to make an independent judgment as to whether:

(A) The contracting agency requires the personal services described in subsection (1) of this section;

(B) Accepting a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section is in the best interest of the contracting agency; and

(C) Approving an exception:

(i) Is unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and

(ii)(I) Is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or the public; or

(II) Otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not be practicably realized by complying with the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section.

(e)(A) If the appropriate authority approves the contracting agency's application under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the appropriate authority shall prepare written findings and justifications for the approval. The contracting agency's findings, justifications and facts and the appropriate authority's findings, justifications and approval are public records that are subject to disclosure as provided in ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(B) If the appropriate authority disapproves the contracting agency's application, the appropriate authority shall state the reasons for the disapproval in a written notice to the contracting agency and shall indicate whether the disapproval extends only to the contracting agency's acceptance of a bid or proposal from a contractor that would be subject to the prohibition described in subsection (1) of this section or whether the appropriate authority also disagrees with the contracting agency's stated need for the personal services.

(C) The appropriate authority's approval or disapproval is final.

(f) In approving an exception under this subsection, the appropriate authority may direct a contracting agency to consult with legal counsel to ensure compliance with applicable law in conducting a procurement for personal services of the type described in subsection (1) of this section. [2009 c.880 §11; 2013 c.522 §6; 2021 c.630 §48]

[no Port rule]

279C.308 Community benefit contract; permitted provisions; required contents of solicitation; powers and duties of contracting agency and local contract review board; rules. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Apprentice" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(b) "Apprenticeable occupation" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(c) "Community benefit project" means a public improvement project that is subject to the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract.

(2) As used in this section and in ORS 279C.375 and 279C.430, "community benefit contract" means a public improvement contract that includes, but is not limited to, the elements described in subsection (3)(b) of this section.

(3)(a) A contracting agency or local contract review board may enact or adopt, as appropriate, an ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or other legislative or administrative measure that authorizes the contracting agency or local contract review board to designate a public improvement contract as a community benefit contract.

(b) In addition to and not in lieu of any other requirement that applies to a public improvement contract under this chapter, a public improvement contract that a contracting agency or local contract review board designates as a community benefit contract may include as material provisions of the contract, but need not be limited to, terms and conditions that require the contractor to:

(A) Qualify as a training agent, as defined in ORS 660.010, or provide apprenticeship training that meets applicable federal and state standards for apprenticeship training;

(B) Employ apprentices to perform a specified percentage of work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform on the community benefit project;

(C) Provide employer-paid family health insurance; and

(D) Meet any other requirements that the contracting agency or local contract review board sets forth in the ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation or other legislative or administrative measure that authorizes procurements of community benefit contracts.

(c) A contracting agency or local contract review board shall:

(A) Ensure, before advertising or soliciting a community benefit contract, that all advertisements and solicitation documents state clearly that the procurement is for a community benefit contract and identify conspicuously all of the provisions to which a contractor will be subject, including the percentage of work hours for which the contractor must employ apprentices and the standards that will apply to the health plan the contractor must provide; and

(B) Require, before accepting and evaluating bids or proposals for a community benefit contract, that each bidder or proposer include with the bid or proposal a signed statement that acknowledges that the bidder or proposer understands and agrees to be bound by the requirements that apply to the community benefit contract.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a solicitation and award of a community benefit contract is subject to all applicable provisions of the Public Contracting Code. [2021 c.488 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.310 Limitation on contracting agency constructing public improvement. If a contracting agency fails to adopt and apply a cost accounting system that substantially complies with the model cost accounting guidelines developed by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 3, chapter 869, Oregon Laws 1979, as determined by an accountant qualified to perform audits required by ORS 297.210 and 297.405 to 297.555 (Municipal Audit Law), the contracting agency may not construct a public improvement with the contracting agency's own equipment or personnel if the cost exceeds \$5,000. [2003 c.794 §99]

[no Port rule]

279C.315 Waiver of damages for unreasonable delay by contracting agency against public policy. (1) Any clause in a public improvement contract that purports to waive, release or extinguish the rights of a contractor to damages or an equitable adjustment arising out of unreasonable delay in performing the contract, if the delay is caused by acts or omissions of the contracting agency or persons acting therefor, is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section is not intended to render void any contract provision that:

- (a) Requires notice of any delay;
- (b) Provides for arbitration or other procedures for settlement of contract disputes; or
- (c) Provides for reasonable liquidated damages. [2003 c.794 §100]

[no Port rule]

279C.320 Contracts for construction other than public improvements. (1) Contracting agencies shall enter into contracts for emergency work, minor alteration, ordinary repair or maintenance of public improvements, as well as any other construction contract that is not defined as a public improvement under ORS 279A.010, in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 279B. Contracts for emergency work are regulated under ORS 279B.080.

(2) Nothing in this section relieves contracting agencies or contractors of any other relevant requirements under this chapter, including payment of prevailing wage rates when applicable.

(3) When construction services are not considered to be a public improvement under this chapter because no funds of a public agency are directly or indirectly used, except for participation that is incidental or related primarily to project design or inspection, the benefiting public body may nonetheless condition acceptance of the services on receipt of such protections as the public body considers to be in the public interest, including a performance bond, a payment bond and appropriate insurance. [2003 c.794 §101; 2007 c.764 §13]

Port Rule C.320 Environmental Remediation Services; Emergency Procurements*(a) Environmental Remediation Services*

(i) The Port of Portland may enter into contracts for environmental remediation services in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 279B if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, in writing, that the project is not a “public improvement” as defined under ORS 279A.010. The determination must be based on written findings that consider whether the project meets such definition, including at minimum the following factors:

(1) the extent to which the environment itself will be restored to its former state at project conclusion;

(2) whether any structures will be constructed or altered and will remain at project conclusion, and if so, whether the value of such structures is nominal relative to the balance of the work;

(3) the extent to which the work directly or indirectly benefits any existing structures owned by the Port;

(4) the extent to which the work is a minor alteration, ordinary repair, or maintenance required to preserve a public improvement.

(ii) For purposes of this rule, “environmental remediation services” means activities related to restoring a contaminated environment, such as preliminary assessment, site inspection, testing, remedial investigation, feasibility studies, remedial design, containment, remedial action, removal and storage of contaminated materials, and replacement with same or similar non-contaminated materials.

(b) Emergency Procurements

Emergency contracts for construction services are not public improvement contracts and are regulated under ORS 279B.080 and Port Rule B.080.

279C.325 Limitation on contracting agency awarding contract to nonresident education service district. A contracting agency may not award a public improvement contract, a contract for a public works, as defined in ORS 279C.800, or a contract for personal services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, to a nonresident bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120, that is an education service district. [2005 c.413 §2]

[no Port rule]

Competitive Bidding; Contract Specifications; Exceptions; Exemptions

279C.330 “Findings” defined. (1) As used in ORS 279C.345 and 279C.350, “findings” means the justification for a contracting agency conclusion that includes, but is not limited to, information regarding:

- (a) Operational, budget and financial data;
- (b) Public benefits;
- (c) Value engineering;
- (d) Specialized expertise required;
- (e) Public safety;
- (f) Market conditions;
- (g) Technical complexity; and

(h) Funding sources.

(2) As used in ORS 279C.335, “findings” means the justification for a conclusion that a contracting agency or state agency, in seeking an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement of ORS 279C.335 (1), reaches based on the considerations set forth in ORS 279C.335 (2). [2003 c.794 §102; 2013 c.522 §7]

[no Port rule]

279C.332 Definitions for ORS 279A.065, 279C.307, 279C.335, 279C.337 and 279C.380.

As used in this section and ORS 279A.065, 279C.307, 279C.335, 279C.337 and 279C.380:

(1) “Affiliate” means a person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with another person.

(2) “Construction manager/general contractor” means a person that provides construction manager/general contractor services to a contracting agency under a public improvement contract.

(3)(a) “Construction manager/general contractor services” means construction-related services that a contracting agency procures by means of an alternative contracting method under ORS 279C.335 and that:

(A) Include a construction manager/general contractor’s:

(i) Functioning as a member of a project team that includes the contracting agency, the architect or engineer that designs the public improvement under a separate contract with the contracting agency and other contractors and consultants; and

(ii) Reviewing and analyzing a design for a public improvement in order to:

(I) Suggest changes in the design that minimize potential errors, delays, unexpected costs and other problems during construction;

(II) Recommend means by which the contracting agency may achieve the functions of the public improvement or a component of the public improvement safely, reliably, efficiently and at the lowest overall cost;

(III) Improve the value and quality of the public improvement; and

(IV) Reduce the time necessary to complete the public improvement; and

(B) May include, depending on the specific terms of the public improvement contract and on whether the contracting agency decides to proceed with construction, a construction manager/general contractor’s:

(i) Devising a schedule for constructing the public improvement;

(ii) Estimating construction, materials, labor and other costs for the public improvement;

(iii) Establishing a fixed price, a guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price;

(iv) Constructing portions of the public improvement and subcontracting portions to other contractors;

(v) Coordinating and overseeing the construction process; or

(vi) Performing other services related to constructing a public improvement in accordance with the terms of the public improvement contract.

(b) “Construction manager/general contractor services” does not include services related to constructing a public improvement under the terms of:

(A) A public improvement contract that a contracting agency awards on the basis of a competitive bidding process that does not require an exemption under ORS 279C.335;

(B) A public improvement contract that results from a design-build procurement, as defined in rules the Attorney General or a contracting agency adopts under ORS 279A.065, and that is exempt from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335;

(C) An energy savings performance contract;

- (D) A public improvement contract for a transportation project that:
- (i) Is exempt from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335;
 - (ii) Requires the contractor to construct the project according to plans and specifications that a design professional provides under a separate contract with the contracting agency and without significant participation from the contractor; and
 - (iii) The contracting agency awards on the basis of the contracting agency's evaluation of:
 - (I) The contractor's qualifications, the price to perform the work on the project and the amount of time the contractor will take to perform the work; or
 - (II) The contractor's qualifications, past experience with similar projects, the price to perform the work on the project and the contractor's planned approach to the project; or
- (E) A public improvement contract that is otherwise exempt or excepted from the competitive bidding requirement under ORS 279C.335.
- (4) "Guaranteed maximum price" means the total price at which a construction manager/general contractor agrees to provide construction manager/general contractor services to a contracting agency in accordance with the terms and conditions and scope of work for a specific public improvement contract and within which are:
- (a) All costs the contracting agency agrees to reimburse and all fees the contracting agency agrees to pay for completing the public improvement; and
 - (b) Any contingent costs, fees or other charges specifically identified in the public improvement contract. [2013 c.522 §2]

[no Port rule]

- 279C.335 Competitive bidding requirement; exceptions; exemptions.** (1) A contracting agency may award a public improvement contract only in response to competitive bids, except for:
- (a) A public improvement contract with a qualified nonprofit agency that provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities under ORS 279.835 to 279.855.
 - (b) A public improvement contract that is exempt under subsection (2) of this section.
 - (c) A public improvement contract with a value of less than \$25,000. A state contracting agency that awards a public improvement contract with a contract price of \$10,000 or more under this paragraph shall document in the state contracting agency's procurement file the actions the state contracting agency takes to:
 - (A) Comply with ORS 200.035; and
 - (B) Invite to participate in the procurement qualified businesses or enterprises that the Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity certifies under ORS 200.055.
 - (d) A public improvement contract with a contract price that does not exceed \$100,000 made under procedures for competitive quotes in ORS 279C.412 and 279C.414.
 - (e) A contract to repair, maintain, improve or protect property the Department of Veterans' Affairs obtains under ORS 407.135 and 407.145 (1).
 - (f) An energy savings performance contract that a contracting agency enters into in accordance with rules of procedure adopted under ORS 279A.065.
 - (g) A public improvement contract with an estimated contract price of \$250,000 or less that a contracting agency awards to an emerging small business certified under ORS 200.055 and funds with moneys from the Emerging Small Business Account established under ORS 200.180. A contracting agency that awards a public contract exempted from competitive bidding under this paragraph shall solicit competitive quotes as provided in ORS 279C.414 before making the award.
 - (h) A public improvement contract that the Department of Transportation awards to a qualified small business under the small business development program described in ORS 184.906. The department may choose to award a public improvement contract described in this paragraph

competitively or using other selection methods that comply with the policies set forth in ORS 279A.015.

(2) Subject to subsection (4)(b) and (c) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt a public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts from the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section after the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board approves the following findings that the contracting agency submits or, if a state agency is not the contracting agency, that the state agency that is seeking the exemption submits:

(a) The exemption is unlikely to encourage favoritism in awarding public improvement contracts or substantially diminish competition for public improvement contracts.

(b) Awarding a public improvement contract under the exemption will likely result in substantial cost savings and other substantial benefits to the contracting agency or the state agency that seeks the exemption or, if the contract is for a public improvement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), to the contracting agency or the public. In approving a finding under this paragraph, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board shall consider the type, cost and amount of the contract and, to the extent applicable to the particular public improvement contract or class of public improvement contracts, the following:

(A) How many persons are available to bid;

(B) The construction budget and the projected operating costs for the completed public improvement;

(C) Public benefits that may result from granting the exemption;

(D) Whether value engineering techniques may decrease the cost of the public improvement;

(E) The cost and availability of specialized expertise that is necessary for the public improvement;

(F) Any likely increases in public safety;

(G) Whether granting the exemption may reduce risks to the contracting agency, the state agency or the public that are related to the public improvement;

(H) Whether granting the exemption will affect the sources of funding for the public improvement;

(I) Whether granting the exemption will better enable the contracting agency to control the impact that market conditions may have on the cost of and time necessary to complete the public improvement;

(J) Whether granting the exemption will better enable the contracting agency to address the size and technical complexity of the public improvement;

(K) Whether the public improvement involves new construction or renovates or remodels an existing structure;

(L) Whether the public improvement will be occupied or unoccupied during construction;

(M) Whether the public improvement will require a single phase of construction work or multiple phases of construction work to address specific project conditions; and

(N) Whether the contracting agency or state agency has, or has retained under contract, and will use contracting agency or state agency personnel, consultants and legal counsel that have necessary expertise and substantial experience in alternative contracting methods to assist in developing the alternative contracting method that the contracting agency or state agency will use to award the public improvement contract and to help negotiate, administer and enforce the terms of the public improvement contract.

(c) As an alternative to the finding described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, if a contracting agency or state agency seeks an exemption that would allow the contracting agency or state agency to use an alternative contracting method that the contracting agency or state agency has not previously used, the contracting agency or state agency may make a finding that identifies the project as a pilot project for which the contracting agency or state agency intends to determine whether using the alternative contracting method actually results in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency, to the state agency or, if the contract is for a public improvement described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), to the contracting agency or the public. The contracting agency or state agency shall include an analysis and conclusion regarding actual cost savings, if any, in the evaluation required under ORS 279C.355.

(3) In making findings to support an exemption for a class of public improvement contracts, the contracting agency or state agency shall clearly identify the class using the class's defining characteristics. The characteristics must include a combination of project descriptions or locations, time periods, contract values, methods of procurement or other factors that distinguish the limited and related class of public improvement contracts from the agency's overall construction program. The agency may not identify a class solely by funding source, such as a particular bond fund, or by the method of procurement, but shall identify the class using characteristics that reasonably relate to the exemption criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) In granting exemptions under subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board shall:

(a) If appropriate, direct the use of alternative contracting methods that take account of market realities and modern practices and are consistent with the public policy of encouraging competition.

(b) Require and approve or disapprove written findings by the contracting agency or state agency that support awarding a particular public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts, without the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section. The findings must show that the exemption of a contract or class of contracts complies with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(c) Require a contracting agency or state agency that procures construction manager/general contractor services to conduct the procurement in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

(5)(a) A contracting agency or state agency may hold a public hearing before approving the findings required by subsection (2) of this section and before the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board grants an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement for a public improvement contract or a class of public improvement contracts.

(b) Notification of a proposed exemption under subsection (2) of this section must be published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation a minimum of 14 days before the date on which the contracting agency intends to take action to approve or disapprove the exemption.

(c) The notice must state that in response to a written request, the contracting agency or state agency will hold a public hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the draft findings for an exemption from the competitive bidding requirement.

(d) If the contracting agency or state agency conducts a public hearing, the contracting agency or state agency shall offer an opportunity for any interested party to appear and comment.

(e) If a contracting agency or state agency must act promptly because of circumstances beyond the agency's control that do not constitute an emergency, notification of the proposed exemption may be published simultaneously with the agency's solicitation of contractors for the alternative

public contracting method, as long as responses to the solicitation are due at least five days after the agency intends to take action to approve or disapprove the proposed exemption.

(6) The purpose of an exemption is to exempt one or more public improvement contracts from competitive bidding requirements. The representations in and the accuracy of the findings, including any general description of the resulting public improvement contract, are the bases for approving the findings and granting the exemption. The findings may describe anticipated features of the resulting public improvement contract, but the final parameters of the contract are those characteristics or specifics announced in the solicitation document.

(7) A public improvement contract awarded under the competitive bidding requirement of subsection (1) of this section may be amended only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(8) A public improvement contract that is excepted from the competitive bidding requirement under subsection (1)(a), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this section is not subject to the exemption requirements of subsection (2) of this section. [2003 c.794 §103; 2003 c.794 §§104,105a; 2005 c.103 §§12,13,14; 2005 c.625 §§58,59,60; 2007 c.70 §§69,70,71; 2007 c.764 §§14,15,17; 2013 c.522 §8; 2021 c.127 §1; 2021 c.630 §49a; 2023 c.127 §3; 2023 c.469 §2]

Port Rule C.335 Findings; Contracts for Energy Savings Performance Projects

(a) Findings

If a particular factor set forth in 279C.335(2)(b) does not apply to the public improvement contract for which an exemption is sought, the Port of Portland contract review board does not need to consider that factor, and the Port is not required to address the factor, other than to explain why the factor does not apply to the contract.

(b) Contracts for Energy Savings Performance Projects

Pursuant to ORS 279C.335 (1) (f), the Port may enter into energy savings performance contracts without following the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279C. “Energy savings performance contract” means a public contract between a contracting agency and a qualified energy service company for the identification, evaluation, recommendation, design and construction of energy conservation measures, including a design-build contract, that guarantee energy savings or performance. The Port may award an energy savings performance contract through a method of contracting determined by the Manager of Contracts & Procurement, after an analysis of the proposed project and the likelihood of obtaining competitive proposals, to be most advantageous to the Port. The method of award may include without limitation a competitive proposal process, a competitive negotiation process, or direct negotiation with a qualified energy service company, provided that direct negotiation will not be used if there are two or more qualified energy service companies ready and willing to timely provide the particular goods and services required by the Port at a reasonable price. If less than 50 percent of the estimated cost of the proposed energy savings performance project is for a public improvement, the Port may enter into the contract under the rules governing personal service contracts set forth in Port Contracting Rule B.500. Nothing in this rule shall be deemed to preclude the Port from awarding an energy savings performance contract through competitive bidding if the Manager of Contracts & Procurement determines that competitive bidding would be most advantageous to the Port.

279C.337 Procurement of constructions manager/general contractor services. (1) A contracting agency that intends to procure construction manager/general contractor services shall procure the construction manager/general contractor services in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

(2) A contracting agency shall, in documents the contracting agency uses to procure construction manager/general contractor services:

(a) Describe the criteria the contracting agency will use to evaluate proposals for the construction manager/general contractor services the contracting agency seeks and what weight the contracting agency will give each criterion in the evaluation;

(b) Describe how the contracting agency will use interviews in the contracting agency's procurement and how the contracting agency will evaluate information the contracting agency obtains from interviews, if the contracting agency uses interviews in the procurement;

(c) Describe any other criteria the contracting agency may consider in selecting a construction manager/general contractor;

(d) Describe how the contracting agency will combine scoring from the interviews, from evaluating the proposals and from other criteria specified in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection to arrive at a proposer's final score and ranking;

(e) State that any savings the construction manager/general contractor realizes in performing the public improvement contract will accrue to the contracting agency, unless the public improvement contract provides otherwise;

(f) Specify terms and conditions that govern how the fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price set forth in the public improvement contract will be determined and whether the price includes or is based on unit pricing or allows for work that is constructed in phases;

(g) State that the contracting agency will not pay any amount that exceeds a fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price specified in the public improvement contract unless the amount results from material changes to the scope of work set forth in the public improvement contract and the parties to the public improvement contract agree in writing to the material changes;

(h) State that the contracting agency will conduct the procurement in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3); and

(i) Specify deadlines and time periods for the procurement that allow prospective contractors a reasonable opportunity to submit proposals, including but not limited to:

(A) The date and time by which the contracting agency must receive proposals;

(B) The dates on which or the time periods during which the contracting agency will conduct interviews, if the contracting agency will conduct interviews for the procurement;

(C) The date by which the contracting agency plans to indicate an intent to award the public improvement contract; and

(D) The time period during which the contracting agency will meet with proposers that the contracting agency did not select for the public improvement contract, if a proposer requests a meeting to discuss the procurement.

(3) By the earlier of the date on which a contracting agency and a construction manager/general contractor agree on a fixed price, guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price or the date on which the construction manager/general contractor begins to solicit offers for construction services from subcontractors, the public improvement contract that the contracting agency negotiates with the construction manager/general contractor must:

(a) Describe the methods the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select subcontractors. The methods must be competitive and should provide prospective subcontractors with a reasonable opportunity to participate in the construction manager/general contractor's qualification and selection process.

(b) Identify the portions of the construction work under the public improvement contract for which the construction manager/general contractor may waive the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and describe:

(A) How the construction manager/general contractor may determine the portions of the construction work that will not be subject to the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(B) The process the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select prospective subcontractors for the portions of the construction work that are not subject to the qualification and selection process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) Identify the conditions under which the construction manager/general contractor or an affiliate or subsidiary of the construction manager/general contractor may perform or compete with other prospective subcontractors to perform construction work under the public improvement contract and describe the methods the construction manager/general contractor will use to qualify and select an affiliate or subsidiary to perform the construction work.

(d) Describe how the construction manager/general contractor will announce which prospective subcontractors the construction manager/general contractor has selected to perform construction services in connection with the public improvement contract.

(e) Describe the conditions under which the construction manager/general contractor will discuss the qualification and selection process described in this subsection with a prospective subcontractor that the construction manager/general contractor did not select for a subcontract if the construction manager/general contractor receives a request from the prospective subcontractor to discuss the process.

(4) As used in this section, “savings” means a positive difference between a fixed price, a guaranteed maximum price or other maximum price set forth in a public improvement contract and the actual cost of the work, including costs for which a contracting agency reimburses a construction manager/general contractor and fees or profits the construction manager/general contractor earns. [2013 c.522 §3]

Port Rule C.337 Contracts for Construction Manager/General Contractor Services

Pursuant to ORS 279C.337(1), the Port of Portland will procure construction manager/general contractor services in accordance with model rules the Attorney General adopts under ORS 279A.065 (3).

279C.340 Contract negotiations. If a public improvement contract is competitively bid and all responsive bids from responsible bidders exceed the contracting agency’s cost estimate, the contracting agency, in accordance with rules adopted by the contracting agency, may negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, prior to awarding the contract, in order to solicit value engineering and other options to attempt to bring the contract within the contracting agency’s cost estimate. A negotiation with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder under this section may not result in the award of the contract to that bidder if the scope of the project is significantly changed from the original bid proposal. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the records of a bidder used in contract negotiation under this section are not subject to public inspection until after the negotiated contract has been awarded or the negotiation process has been terminated. [2003 c.794 §106]

Port Rule C.340 *Negotiations When All Bids Exceed Estimate*

Pursuant to ORS 279C.340, the Port of Portland may negotiate with the lowest responsible bidder submitting a responsive bid if all responsive bids from responsible bidders exceed the Port's cost estimate. If a written cost estimate was not prepared prior to bidding, the amount budgeted for the public improvement contract shall be deemed the Port's cost estimate for purposes of this rule. The Port may negotiate under this rule only if the Port has determined that it would not be in the Port's best interest to reject all bids or otherwise cancel or modify the procurement in accordance with applicable Port Contracting Rules.

279C.345 Specifications for contracts; exemptions. (1) Specifications for public improvement contracts may not expressly or implicitly require any product by any brand name or mark, nor the product of any particular manufacturer or seller unless the product is exempt under subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt certain products or classes of products from subsection (1) of this section upon any of the following findings:

(a) It is unlikely that the exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public improvement contracts or substantially diminish competition for public improvement contracts;

(b) The specification of a product by brand name or mark, or the product of a particular manufacturer or seller, would result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency;

(c) There is only one manufacturer or seller of the product of the quality required; or

(d) Efficient utilization of existing equipment or supplies requires the acquisition of compatible equipment or supplies. [2003 c.794 §107; 2007 c.764 §19]

Port Rule C.345 *Specification of Particular Products****(a) Generally***

The Port of Portland may expressly or implicitly require a particular product by brand name, trade name, manufacturer, or seller as an abbreviated means of specifying the Port's needs, in which case offerors may substitute equivalent products. The invitation to bid or request for proposals may require substitutions to be approved by the Port prior to the submission of offers; otherwise substitutions are allowed after contract award, if they are approved by the Port. The Port's determination of whether a substitute product is equivalent is in the Port's sole discretion. This provision does not apply to products or classes of products that are exempt under ORS 279C.345(2).

(b) Brand Name Exemptions

Pursuant to the delegation of authority in Port Contract Review Board Rule No. 10, the Port may expressly or implicitly require a particular product by brand name, trade name, manufacturer or seller and disallow any substitution of named product when the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement's designee, determines in writing that doing so meets the requirements of ORS 279C.345(2). Brand Name Exemptions shall be effective only for the period of time designated in the written determination, whereupon a new determination of the applicability of this rule must be made. Determinations of exemptions under ORS 279C.345(2) shall be available for public inspection upon request.

279C.350 Exemption procedure; appeal.

(3) Any person except the contracting agency or anyone representing the contracting agency may bring an action for writ of review under ORS chapter 34 to test the validity of an exemption granted under ORS 279C.335 or 279C.345 by a local contract review board. [2003 c.794 §108; 2003 c.794 §109; 2007 c.764 §20]

[no Port rule]

279C.355 Evaluation of public improvement projects not contracted by competitive bidding. (1) Upon completion of and final payment for any public improvement contract, or class of public improvement contracts, in excess of \$100,000 for which the contracting agency did not use the competitive bidding process, the contracting agency shall prepare and deliver to the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the local contract review board or, for public improvement contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation an evaluation of the public improvement contract or the class of public improvement contracts.

(2) The evaluation must include but is not limited to the following matters:

(a) The actual project cost as compared with original project estimates;

(b) The amount of any guaranteed maximum price;

(c) The number of project change orders issued by the contracting agency;

(d) A narrative description of successes and failures during the design, engineering and construction of the project; and

(e) An objective assessment of the use of the alternative contracting process as compared to the findings required by ORS 279C.335.

(3) The evaluations required by this section:

(a) Must be made available for public inspection; and

(b) Must be completed within 30 days of the date the contracting agency accepts:

(A) The public improvement project; or

(B) The last public improvement project if the project falls within a class of public improvement contracts. [2003 c.794 §111; 2003 c.794 §112; 2007 c.764 §§22,23]

Port Rule C.355 Evaluation

(1) The purpose of this evaluation is to determine whether it was actually in the Port of Portland's best interest to use an alternative contracting method in which the competitive bidding process was not used. For purposes of ORS 279C.355(2)(e), the assessment should compare the actual alternative contracting process to the original findings issued at the time the exemption from competitive bidding was issued.

(2) The evaluation must be completed within 30 days of the date the Port grants "final acceptance" of the public improvement project, as defined in the applicable public improvement contract.

(3) The evaluation must be delivered to the Port's Contract Review Board at the next regularly-scheduled Commission meeting after the evaluation is completed. The evaluation may be included as part of the Executive Director's Report, or may be delivered as the Executive Director may otherwise deem appropriate.

Solicitation; Contract Award; Rejection

279C.360 Requirement for public improvement advertisements. (1) An advertisement for public improvement contracts must be published at least once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the area where the contract is to be performed and in as many additional issues and publications as the contracting agency may determine. The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation, by rule or order, may authorize advertisements for public improvement contracts to be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation if the director or board determines that electronic advertisements are likely to be cost-effective. If the public improvement contract has an estimated cost in excess of \$125,000, the advertisement must be published in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation. The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of Transportation or the local contract review board may, by rule or order, require an advertisement to be published more than once or in one or more additional publications.

(2) All advertisements for public improvement contracts must state:

- (a) The public improvement project;
- (b) The office where the specifications for the project may be reviewed;
- (c) The date that prequalification applications must be filed under ORS 279C.430 and the class or classes of work for which bidders must be prequalified if prequalification is a requirement;
- (d) The date and time after which bids will not be received, which must be at least five days after the date of the last publication of the advertisement;
- (e) The name and title of the person designated for receipt of bids;
- (f) The date, time and place that the contracting agency will publicly open the bids; and
- (g) If the contract is for a public works subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.). [2003 c.794 §114; 2005 c.103 §14a; 2007 c.844 §1]

Port Rule C.360 *Competitive Sealed Bidding*

(1) Advertisement

(a) The Port of Portland shall advertise invitations to bid in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Portland metropolitan region, unless the estimated contract cost exceeds \$125,000, in which case the Port shall advertise the invitation in at least one trade newspaper of general statewide circulation. The Port shall also advertise invitations to bid on the Port's website using an online vendor bidding system. If the Executive Director or the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determine that limiting the posting of the notice for invitations to bid solely by electronic means is cost effective to the Port, and the public improvement contract has an estimated cost of \$125,000 or less, then publishing the notice in a newspaper may be waived.

(b) The notice shall be posted at least 7 days prior to the date the invitations to bid are due, unless the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a shorter time period is necessary and in the Port's best interest.

(2) Distribution of Solicitation Documents

The Port may distribute solicitation documents by any commercially reasonable means, including without limitation use of an online vendor bidding system, other electronic means, fax, or express mail, as the Port may determine in its sole discretion under the circumstances. The Port may, but is not obligated to, deliver a solicitation document by other more costly means if a particular prospective offeror pays the additional cost.

(3) Prospective Bidders and Proposers Lists

A prospective bidder or proposer for a particular procurement is responsible for ensuring that its correct name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information have been effectively and accurately communicated to the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division for inclusion on the list of prospective bidders or proposers for that procurement. The Port endeavors to include on the list for a particular procurement each prospective bidder or proposer to which a solicitation document is issued by the Contracts and Procurement Division. Prospective bidders or proposers who obtain solicitation documents from other sources, such as plan centers, are not automatically added to the list, and must contact the Port to be added. Listed prospective bidders and proposers are responsible for immediately notifying the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division in writing of any changes in name, address, telephone number, fax number, and other contact information.

(4) Bidder's Responsibilities

While the Port endeavors to provide all known solicitation holders with all the available information and documentation necessary to provide a responsive bid, through notice of document availability by mail or electronic means, the Port cannot guarantee that such notice will be delivered to or read by solicitation holders in a timely manner. Bidders are therefore responsible for ensuring they have received all necessary information to provide a responsive bid, including without limitation all bid documents, addenda, plans, attachments, exhibits, etc., prior to submitting a bid.

279C.365 Requirements for solicitation documents and bids and proposals. (1) A contracting agency that prepares solicitation documents for a public improvement contract shall, at a minimum, include in the solicitation documents:

- (a) A designation for or description of the public improvement project;
- (b) The office where the specifications for the project may be reviewed;
- (c) The date that prequalification applications must be filed under ORS 279C.430 and the class or classes of work for which bidders must be prequalified if prequalification is a requirement;
- (d) The date and time after which bids will not be received, which must be at least five days after the date of the last publication of the advertisement, and may, in the sole discretion of the contracting agency, direct or permit bidders to submit and the contracting agency to receive bids by electronic means;
- (e) The name and title of the person designated to receive bids;
- (f) The date on which and the time and place at which the contracting agency will publicly open the bids;
- (g) A statement that, if the contract is for a public works project subject to the state prevailing rates of wage under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the federal prevailing rates of wage under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) or both the state and federal prevailing rates of wage, the contracting agency will not receive or consider a bid unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder that the bidder will comply with ORS 279C.838 or 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.;
- (h) A statement that each bid must identify whether the bidder is a resident bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120;
- (i) A statement that the contracting agency may reject a bid that does not comply with prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b), and that the contracting agency may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest;
- (j) Information addressing whether a contractor or subcontractor must be licensed under ORS 468A.720; and

(k) A statement that the contracting agency may not receive or consider a bid for a public improvement contract unless the bidder is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board or the State Landscape Contractors Board.

(2) A contracting agency may provide solicitation documents by electronic means.

(3) A bid made to the contracting agency under ORS 279C.335 or 279C.400 must be:

(a) In writing;

(b) Filed with the person the contracting agency designates to receive bids; and

(c) Opened publicly by the contracting agency immediately after the deadline for submitting bids.

(4) After the contracting agency opens the bids, the contracting agency shall make the bids available for public inspection.

(5) A bidder shall submit or post a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit issued by an insured institution as defined in ORS 706.008, cashier's check or certified check for all bids as bid security unless the contracting agency has exempted the contract for which the bidder submits a bid from this requirement under ORS 279C.390. The security may not exceed 10 percent of the amount bid for the contract.

(6) Subsection (5) of this section applies only to public improvement contracts with a value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000 or, in the case of contracts for highways, bridges and other transportation projects, more than \$50,000. [2003 c.794 §115; 2005 c.103 §15; 2007 c.764 §25; 2007 c.844 §2; 2009 c.368 §1]

Port Rule C.365 *Competitive Bidding*

(1) Prebid and Proposal Conferences

(a) Generally

The Port of Portland may hold a prebid or preproposal conference to allow a site inspection and to hear and respond to questions. If the time and place of a prebid or preproposal conference are not stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals, all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division shall be notified of the time and place. Notification may be by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, telephone, fax, or in writing, at the Port's option.

(b) Mandatory

The Port may require attendance at a prebid or preproposal conference as a condition precedent to the submission of a bid or proposal. The Port may refuse to open or may reject as nonresponsive a bid from a bidder who failed to attend a mandatory prebid conference, and may refuse to open or decline to evaluate a proposal from a proposer who failed to attend a mandatory preproposal conference. The Port may, but is not obligated to, arrange for a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference if requested by one or more prospective bidders or proposers who were unable to attend a scheduled, mandatory prebid or preproposal conference for a reason determined by the Port to be commercially reasonable under the circumstances. If a subsequent prebid or preproposal conference is arranged, all prospective bidders or proposers on the Contracts and Procurement Division's list shall be notified in advance and allowed to attend.

(c) Limited Effect

Statements and other information from Port employees at a prebid or preproposal conference do not effect any change in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals, or the contracts that may arise from them. Changes in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals may be effected only by a written addendum issued by the Port. Bidders and proposers may rely only upon the invitation

to bids or the request for proposals, with any changes made by addendum, to establish all of the procurement requirements and all contract provisions other than those established by the bid or proposal.

(d) Change Requests

A prospective bidder or proposer who wants to propose a change to the invitation to bid or the request for proposals should submit a written request, even if the change was requested during a prebid or preproposal conference. The request should be submitted in accordance with any instructions in the invitation to bid or the request for proposals. If the Port fails to respond to a change request made during a prebid or preproposal conference, or to a written change request, the request shall be deemed denied. If the Port responds to a change request, the response may be in the form of an addendum issued to all prospective bidders or proposers, with no specific response to the requestor.

(2) Addenda

(a) Requirement

A solicitation document may be changed only by a written addendum issued by the Port. When an addendum is required, it shall be issued to all prospective bidders or proposers on the list maintained for the procurement in question by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division.

(b) Acknowledgment Required

A bidder or proposer must timely acknowledge in writing receipt of all addenda issued by the Port. Failure to acknowledge receipt of an addendum may cause a bid to be rejected as nonresponsive, and may cause a proposal to be considered outside the competitive range or to be determined after evaluation to be inferior to other proposals that included acknowledgment of receipt of the addendum. Acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum most often will be part of the bid or proposal, but may be separate from the bid or proposal, and need not be sealed. The Port shall accept a written acknowledgment of receipt of an addendum by any commercially reasonable means, including but not limited to the Port's online vendor bidding system, fax, or email. Submission of such an acknowledgment is timely only if it is received by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid or request for proposals.

(c) Distribution and Receipt

Addenda may be distributed by use of an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, U.S. mail, fax, hand delivery, or other commercially reasonable means. Failure to receive an addendum to a solicitation does not excuse failure to acknowledge receipt of the addendum, even if the failure to receive was through no fault of the prospective bidder or proposer, and even if the failure to receive was the fault of the Port. The Port, in its sole discretion, may extend a bid opening to allow a bidder or proposer time to acknowledge receipt of an addendum.

(3) Method of Submitting Offers

(a) Generally

Bids must be submitted in writing on the form provided by the Port or a reasonable facsimile. Bids may not be submitted by fax or other electronic means unless expressly directed or permitted by the invitation to bid. A bid shall be considered timely submitted if it is delivered to the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or the Manager's designee by the deadline stated in the invitation to bid.

(b) Timeliness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are timely. The Port may decline to consider a late offer, even if the offer is late because of a delay in the Port's internal handling of mail or documents or because the Port's receiving equipment was unavailable.

(c) Completeness

Offerors are responsible for ensuring their offers are received by the Port in a complete, legible, ungarbled form. The Port may decline to consider an offer that is incomplete, illegible, or garbled, even if the problem is caused by the Port's hardware or software.

(d) Electronic Submission

Offers submitted electronically must bear a facsimile signature, provided that the requirement for a facsimile signature is excused when an electronic quotation is properly submitted in lieu of an oral quotation, or when the solicitation document expressly authorizes electronic data interchange, e-mail, or another electronic submission method by which facsimile signatures generally cannot be transmitted. A solicitation document expressly authorizing electronic submission of offers may specify methods for establishing the authenticity of offers.

(4) Bid Withdrawal

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may withdraw its bid without consequence. The withdrawal must be by someone with the necessary authority, and must be a signed writing.

(5) Bid Modification

At any time before the deadline for receipt of bids, a bidder may modify its bid in writing. A bidder shall prepare and submit any modification to its bid to the Port in the manner provided under Port Rule B.055(9), unless otherwise specified in the solicitation document. Any modification must include the bidder's statement that the modification amends and supersedes the prior bid. The bidder shall mark the submitted modification as follows:

(a) Bid (or Proposal) Modification; and

(b) Solicitation Number (or other identification as specified in the solicitation document).

(6) Receipt and Recording of Offers; Confidentiality of Offers

The Port shall electronically or mechanically time-stamp or hand-mark each Offer and any modification upon receipt. The Port shall not open the Offer or modification upon receipt, but shall maintain it as confidential and secure until Opening. If the Port inadvertently opens an Offer or a modification prior to the Opening, the Port shall return the Offer or modification to its secure and confidential state until Opening. The Port shall document the resealing for the Procurement file (e.g. "Port inadvertently opened the Offer due to improper identification of the Offer").

(7) Bid Opening

(a) Bids shall be opened in a place designated by the Port that is open to the public at the time bids are opened. The Port may change the location of bid opening at any time. The time for opening bids may be postponed at any time for the Port's convenience or if the Port determines that postponement would be in the Port's best interest. A bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated orally or by a posted sign to anyone who appears at the previously designated time and place for the bid opening. If time permits, a bid opening postponement or relocation shall be communicated to all prospective bidders on the list maintained by the Port's Contracts and Procurement Division. Such communication shall be made using the Port's online

vendor bidding system, other electronic means (including fax), mail, or any other commercially reasonable method. A bid opening postponement or relocation need not be communicated by addendum.

(b) Electronic Bid Opening

When the Port has specifically directed or permitted electronic bidding using an online vendor bidding system or other electronic means, the Port may open bids electronically using such means. In such event, bids will be deemed to be opened publicly when bidder and bid information is made available to the public electronically using such means.

(c) Availability for Inspection

Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, bids shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(8) Bid Evaluation and Clarification

(a) Evaluation

Opened bids shall be evaluated in accordance with applicable statutes and these Contracting Rules. When a bid is determined to be unresponsive to the invitation to bid, it will not be evaluated further. Bidders who submit responsive bids shall be evaluated for responsibility under applicable statutes, these Contracting Rules, and the invitation to bid.

(b) Clarification

In evaluating bids, the Port may seek information from a bidder to clarify its bid. Such clarification shall not vary, contradict or supplement the bid. The bidder must submit written and signed clarifications and such clarifications shall become part of the bidder's bid.

(9) Bid Errors

(a) Errors of Judgment

A bid may not be corrected or withdrawn for an error in judgment. If a bidder is awarded a public contract and refuses to promptly and properly execute the public contract because of an error in judgment, the bidder's bid security must be forfeited under ORS 279C.385(2).

(b) Minor Informalities

The Port may waive or permit a bidder to correct a minor informality. A minor informality is either a matter of form rather than substance that is evident on the face of the bid, or an insignificant mistake that can be waived without prejudice to other bidders. For example, failure to sign the bid in the designated block on the bid form is a minor informality if a signature appears on the bid bond or somewhere else in the bid evidencing an intent to be bound by the bid.

(c) Clerical Errors

A clerical error is an error in drafting the bid, and may include without limitation typographical errors, arithmetic errors, and transposition and other errors in transferring numbers from work sheets to the bid form. If a clerical error is apparent on the face of the bid and the correction also is apparent on the face of the bid, the Port shall correct the error before evaluating bids. A discrepancy between a unit price and an extended bid item price is a clerical error and shall be corrected by giving precedence to the unit price. If an error not apparent on the face of the bid is brought to the Port's attention, the bidder may submit evidence to establish that the error is a clerical error. If it is clear from the face of the bid or from evidence submitted by the bidder that an error is a clerical error, rather than an error in judgment, but the correction of the error is not

apparent on the face of the bid, the bidder may either withdraw its bid without forfeiting its bid security under ORS 279C.385(2), or agree to proceed with the public contract as bid, without correcting the error. If the bidder takes neither of those actions, the Port shall reject the bid as non-responsive. A bidder may not correct a clerical error if the correction is not apparent on the face of the bid.

(10) Irrevocability of Offers

(a) Generally

All bids received by the Port for a particular public contract become binding offers when the deadline for receipt of bids passes, and remain irrevocable for 30 calendar days after opening unless a different period is specified in the invitation to bid.

(b) Extensions and Reinstatements

An offeror may extend the period of irrevocability of its offer by giving the Port a written extension specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may reinstate an offer (unchanged) after the expiration of the period of irrevocability by giving the Port a written reinstatement specifying a new period of irrevocability. An offeror may not "extend" or "reinstate" an offer that differs in any material respect from the original; a purported extension or reinstatement of a materially differing offer amounts to a new offer.

(11) Tied Low Bids or Quotations

(a) Generally

If (1) low bids or quotations are tied, (2) the price, fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by the tied offerors are otherwise equal, and (3) one of the tied offerors offers goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to that offeror in accordance with ORS 279A.120. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded to one with principal offices or headquarters in Oregon. If two or more of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, and none has principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, or if two or more of them have principal offices or headquarters in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots. If none or all of the tied offerors offer goods or services manufactured or produced in Oregon, the contract shall be awarded by drawing lots.

(b) Unequal Quality

If the fitness, availability, and quality of the goods or services offered by tied offerors are not otherwise equal, the contract shall be awarded to the offeror determined by the Port to offer the superior goods or services.

279C.370 First-tier subcontractor disclosure. (1)(a) Within two working hours after the date and time of the deadline when bids are due to a contracting agency for a public improvement contract, a bidder shall submit to the contracting agency a disclosure of the first-tier subcontractors that:

(A) Will be furnishing labor or will be furnishing labor and materials in connection with the public improvement contract; and

(B) Will have a contract value that is equal to or greater than five percent of the total project bid or \$15,000, whichever is greater, or \$350,000 regardless of the percentage of the total project bid.

(b) For each contract to which this subsection applies, the contracting agency shall designate a deadline for submission of bids that has a date on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and a time between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., except that this paragraph does not apply to public contracts for maintenance or construction of highways, bridges or other transportation facilities.

(c) This subsection applies only to public improvement contracts with a value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000.

(d) This subsection does not apply to public improvement contracts that have been exempted from competitive bidding requirements under ORS 279C.335 (2).

(2) The disclosure of first-tier subcontractors under subsection (1) of this section must include the name of each subcontractor, the category of work that each subcontractor will perform and the dollar value of each subcontract. The information shall be disclosed in substantially the following form:

**FIRST-TIER SUBCONTRACTOR
DISCLOSURE FORM**

PROJECT NAME: _____
 BID #: _____
 BID CLOSING: Date: _____ Time: _____

This form must be submitted at the location specified in the Invitation to Bid on the advertised bid closing date and within two working hours after the advertised bid closing time.

List below the name of each subcontractor that will be furnishing labor or will be furnishing labor and materials and that is required to be disclosed, the category of work that the subcontractor will be performing and the dollar value of the subcontract. Enter "NONE" if there are no subcontractors that need to be disclosed. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.)

NAME	DOLLAR VALUE	CATEGORY OF WORK
1)	\$	
2)	\$	
3)	\$	
4)	\$	

Failure to submit this form by the disclosure deadline will result in a nonresponsive bid. A nonresponsive bid will not be considered for award.

Form submitted by (bidder name): _____
 Contact name: _____
 Phone no.: _____

(3) A contracting agency shall accept the subcontractor disclosure. The contracting agency shall consider the bid of any contractor that does not submit a subcontractor disclosure to the contracting agency to be a nonresponsive bid and may not award the contract to the contractor. A contracting agency is not required to determine the accuracy or the completeness of the subcontractor disclosure.

(4) After the bids are opened, the subcontractor disclosures must be made available for public inspection.

(5) A contractor may substitute a first-tier subcontractor under the provisions of ORS 279C.585.

(6) A subcontractor may file a complaint under ORS 279C.590 based on the disclosure requirements of subsection (1) of this section. [2003 c.794 §116; 2005 c.103 §16]

[no Port rule]

279C.375 Award and execution of contract; determination of responsibility of bidder; bonds; impermissible exclusions. (1) After a contracting agency has opened bids and determined that the contracting agency will award a public improvement contract, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

(2) At least seven days before awarding a public improvement contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall issue to each bidder or post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of the contracting agency's intent to award a contract. This subsection does not apply to a contract to which competitive bidding does not apply under ORS 279C.335 (1)(c) or (d). The notice and the manner in which the notice is posted or issued must conform to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(3) In determining the lowest responsible bidder, a contracting agency shall do all of the following:

(a) Check the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227 for bidders who are not qualified to hold a public improvement contract.

(b) Determine whether the bidder is responsible. A responsible bidder must demonstrate to the contracting agency that the bidder:

(A) Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or has the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.

(B) Holds current licenses that businesses or service professionals operating in this state must hold in order to undertake or perform the work specified in the contract.

(C) Is covered by liability insurance and other insurance in amounts the contracting agency requires in the solicitation documents.

(D) Qualifies as a carrier-insured employer or a self-insured employer under ORS 656.407 or has elected coverage under ORS 656.128.

(E) Has made the disclosure required under ORS 279C.370.

(F) Completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance. For purposes of this subparagraph, a satisfactory record of performance means that to the extent that the costs associated with and time available to perform a previous contract remained within the bidder's control, the bidder stayed within the time and budget allotted for the procurement and otherwise performed the contract in a satisfactory manner. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's record of performance if the contracting agency finds under this subparagraph that the bidder is not responsible.

(G) Has a satisfactory record of integrity. The contracting agency in evaluating the bidder's record of integrity may consider, among other things, whether the bidder has previous criminal convictions for offenses related to obtaining or attempting to obtain a contract or subcontract or in connection with the bidder's performance of a contract or subcontract. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's record of integrity if the contracting agency finds under this subparagraph that the bidder is not responsible.

(H) Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.

(I) Possesses an unexpired certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167, if the bidder employs 50 or more full-time workers and submitted a bid for a procurement with an estimated contract price that exceeds \$500,000 in response to an advertisement or solicitation from a state contracting agency.

(J) Has agreed in the bid or proposal to be bound by the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract, if the public improvement contract is a community benefit contract.

(K) Supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility. If a bidder fails to promptly supply information concerning responsibility that the contracting agency requests, the contracting agency shall determine the bidder’s responsibility based on available information, or may find that the bidder is not responsible.

(c) Document the contracting agency’s compliance with the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection in substantially the following form:

RESPONSIBILITY DETERMINATION FORM

Project Name: _____

Bid Number: _____

Business Entity Name: _____

CCB License Number: _____

Form Submitted By (Contracting Agency): _____

Form Submitted By (Contracting Agency Representative’s Name): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

(The contracting agency must submit this form with attachments, if any, to the Construction Contractors Board within 30 days after the date of contract award.)

The contracting agency has (check all of the following):

- Checked the list created by the Construction Contractors Board under ORS 701.227 for bidders who are not qualified to hold a public improvement contract.
- Determined whether the bidder has met the standards of responsibility. In so doing, the contracting agency has found that the bidder demonstrated that the bidder:
 - Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources and expertise, or the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all contractual responsibilities.
 - Holds current licenses that businesses or service professionals operating in this state must hold

- in order to undertake or perform the work specified in the contract.
- Is covered by liability insurance and other insurance in amounts required in the solicitation documents.
 - Qualifies as a carrier-insured employer or a self-insured employer under ORS 656.407 or has elected coverage under ORS 656.128.
 - Has disclosed the bidder's first-tier subcontractors in accordance with ORS 279C.370.
 - Has a satisfactory record of performance.
 - Has a satisfactory record of integrity.
 - Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.
 - Possesses a certificate that the Oregon Department of Administrative Services issued under ORS 279A.167.
 - Agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of a community benefit contract if the public contract is a community benefit contract.
 - Has supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility.
 - Determined the bidder to be (check one of the following):
 - Responsible under ORS 279C.375 (3)(a) and (b).
 - Not responsible under ORS 279C.375 (3)(a) and (b).

(Attach documentation if the contracting agency finds the bidder not to be responsible.)

(d) Submit the form described in paragraph (c) of this subsection, with any attachments, to the Construction Contractors Board within 30 days after the date the contracting agency awards the contract.

(4) The successful bidder shall:

(a) Promptly execute a formal contract; and

(b) Execute and deliver to the contracting agency a performance bond and a payment bond when required under ORS 279C.380.

(5) Based on competitive bids, a contracting agency may award a public improvement contract or may award multiple public improvement contracts when specified in the invitation to bid.

(6) A contracting agency may not exclude a commercial contractor from competing for a public contract on the basis that the license issued by the Construction Contractors Board is endorsed as a level 1 or level 2 license. As used in this section, “commercial contractor” has the meaning given that term in ORS 701.005. [2003 c.794 §117; 2005 c.103 §§17,18; 2005 c.376 §1; 2007 c.764 §§26,27; 2007 c.836 §§42,43; 2009 c.880 §§9,9a; 2015 c.454 §5; 2021 c.488 §3]

Port Rule C.375 Award of Contracts

(1) “Responsible bidder” or “responsible proposer” means a person who meets the standards of responsibility described in ORS 279C.375(3)(b).

(2) “Responsive bid” or “responsive proposal” means a bid or proposal that substantially complies with the invitation to bid or request for proposals and all prescribed procurement procedures and requirements.

279C.380 Performance bond; payment bond; waiver of bonds. (1) Except as provided in ORS 279C.390, a successful bidder for a public improvement contract shall promptly execute and deliver to the contracting agency the following bonds:

(a) A performance bond in an amount equal to the full contract price conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and conditions of the contract. The performance bond must be solely for the protection of the contracting agency that awarded the contract and any public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded. If the public improvement contract is with a single person to provide both design and construction of a public improvement, the obligation of the performance bond for the faithful performance of the contract required by this paragraph must also be for the preparation and completion of the design and related services covered under the contract. Notwithstanding when a cause of action, claim or demand accrues or arises, the surety is not liable after final completion of the contract, or longer if provided for in the contract, for damages of any nature, economic or otherwise and including corrective work, attributable to the design aspect of a design-build project, or for the costs of design revisions needed to implement corrective work. A contracting agency may waive the requirement of a performance bond. A contracting agency may permit the successful bidder to submit a cashier’s check or certified check in lieu of all or a portion of the required performance bond.

(b) A payment bond in an amount equal to the full contract price, solely for the protection of claimants under ORS 279C.600.

(2) If the public improvement contract is with a single person to provide construction manager/general contractor services, in which a guaranteed maximum price may be established by an amendment authorizing construction period services following preconstruction period services, the contractor shall provide the bonds required by subsection (1) of this section upon execution of an amendment establishing the guaranteed maximum price. The contracting agency shall also require the contractor to provide bonds equal to the value of construction services authorized by any early work amendment in advance of the guaranteed maximum price amendment. Such bonds must be provided before construction starts.

(3) Each performance bond and each payment bond must be executed solely by a surety company or companies holding a certificate of authority to transact surety business in this state. The bonds may not constitute the surety obligation of an individual or individuals. The performance and payment bonds must be payable to the contracting agency or to the public agency

or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded, as specified in the solicitation documents, and shall be in a form approved by the contracting agency.

(4) In cases of emergency, or when the interest or property of the contracting agency or the public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was awarded probably would suffer material injury by delay or other cause, the requirement of furnishing a good and sufficient performance bond and a good and sufficient payment bond for the faithful performance of any public improvement contract may be excused, if a declaration of such emergency is made in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(5) This section applies only to public improvement contracts with a value, estimated by the contracting agency, of more than \$100,000 or, in the case of contracts for highways, bridges and other transportation projects, more than \$50,000. [2003 c.794 §118; 2005 c.103 §20; 2013 c.522 §9]

[no Port rule]

279C.385 Return or retention of bid security. (1) A contracting agency shall return the bid security of the successful bidder to the bidder after the bidder:

- (a) Executes the public improvement contract; and
- (b) Delivers a good and sufficient performance bond, a good and sufficient payment bond and any required proof of insurance.

(2) A bidder who is awarded a contract and who fails promptly and properly to execute the contract and to deliver the performance bond, the payment bond and the proof of insurance, when bonds or insurance are required, shall forfeit the bid security that accompanied the successful bid. The bid security shall be taken and considered as liquidated damages and not as a penalty for failure of the bidder to execute the contract and deliver the bonds and proof of insurance.

(3) The contracting agency may return the bid security of unsuccessful bidders to them when the bids have been opened and the contract has been awarded, and may not retain the bid security after the contract has been duly signed. [2003 c.794 §119; 2005 c.103 §21]

Port Rule C.385 Return of Bid Security

The Port of Portland may provide in its solicitation documents for the return of bid security documentation under ORS 279C.385 by a written statement of release only, without physically returning such documentation to the offeror unless the offeror specifically requests return.

279C.390 Exemption of contracts from bid security and bonds. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, a state contracting agency with procurement authority under ORS 279A.050, a local contract review board or, for contracts described in ORS 279A.050 (3)(b), the Director of Transportation may exempt certain contracts or classes of contracts from all or a portion of the requirement for bid security and from all or a portion of the requirement that good and sufficient bonds be furnished to ensure performance of the contract and payment of obligations incurred in the performance.

(2) The contracting agency may require bid security and a good and sufficient performance bond, a good and sufficient payment bond, or any combination of such bonds, even though the public improvement contract is of a class exempted under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) *** [2003 c.794 §120; 2003 c.794 §120a; 2007 c.764 §28]

[no Port rule]

279C.395 Rejection of bids. A contracting agency may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may, for good cause, reject all bids upon a finding of the contracting agency it is in the public interest to do so. In any case where competitive bids are required and all bids are rejected, and the proposed project is not abandoned, new bids may be called for as in the first instance. [2003 c.794 §121]

Port Rule C.395 *Rejection of Bids; Cancellation of Solicitations; Disposition of Bids; Creation of a Contract*

(1) Rejection of Bids for Good Cause in the Public Interest

The Port of Portland may reject any or all bids in accordance with ORS 279C.395 for good cause if the Port finds that rejection is in the public interest. Situations where good cause is sufficient to warrant rejection of all bids include but are not limited to: (1) competition is unnecessarily restricted because of the content of or an error in the solicitation document or the solicitation process; (2) all offered prices are too high or all offered performance is insufficient to meet the Port's needs; (3) ambiguous or misleading provisions in the solicitation document, or misconduct or error, threaten the fairness and integrity of the competitive process; and (4) events other than legitimate market forces threaten the integrity of the competitive procurement process.

(2) Cancellation of Solicitations

(a) Cancellation in the Public Interest. The Port may cancel a solicitation for good cause if the Port finds that cancellation is in the public interest. The Port's reasons for cancellation shall be made part of the solicitation file.

(b) Notice of Cancellation. If the Port cancels a solicitation prior to bid opening, the Port shall provide notice of cancellation to all identified bidders. Such notice of cancellation shall:

(i) Identify the solicitation;

(ii) Briefly explain the reason for cancellation; and

(iii) If applicable, explain that an opportunity will be given to compete on any resolicitation.

(3) Disposition of Bids

(a) Prior to Bid Opening. If the Port cancels a solicitation prior to bid opening, the Port shall return all bids it received to bidders unopened, provided the bidder submitted its bid in a hard copy format with a clearly visible return address. If there is no return address on the envelope, the Port shall open the bid to determine the source and then return it to the bidder.

(b) After Bid Opening. If the Port rejects all bids, the Port shall retain all such bids as part of the Port's solicitation file.

(4) Creation of a Contract

A bid constitutes an offer by the bidder to perform the work described in the invitation to bid. The bid of a successful bidder is incorporated into a contract document which the bidder is required to sign. The Port does not accept a bid, and a contract does not otherwise come into existence, until the Port's authorized representative signs the contract document.

Competitive Proposals

279C.400 Competitive proposals; procedure. (1) When authorized or required by an exemption granted under ORS 279C.335, a contracting agency may solicit and award a public improvement contract, or may award multiple public improvement contracts when specified in the request for proposals, by requesting and evaluating competitive proposals. A contract awarded under this section may be amended only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 279C.330 to 279C.355, 279C.360 to 279C.390, 279C.395 and 279C.430 to 279C.450, competitive proposals shall be subject to the following requirements of competitive bidding:

(a) Advertisement under ORS 279C.360;

(b) Requirements for solicitation documents under ORS 279C.365;

(c) Disqualification due to a Construction Contractors Board listing as described in ORS 279C.375 (3)(a);

(d) Contract execution and bonding requirements under ORS 279C.375 and 279C.380;

(e) Determination of responsibility under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b);

(f) Rejection of bids under ORS 279C.395; and

(g) Disqualification and prequalification under ORS 279C.430, 279C.435 and 279C.440.

(3) For the purposes of applying the requirements listed in subsection (2) of this section to competitive proposals, when used in the sections listed in subsection (2) of this section, “bids” includes proposals, and “bid documents” and “invitation to bid” include requests for proposals.

(4) Competitive proposals are not subject to the following requirements of competitive bidding:

(a) First-tier subcontractor disclosure under ORS 279C.370; and

(b) Reciprocal preference under ORS 279A.120.

(5) The contracting agency may require proposal security that serves the same function with respect to proposals as bid security serves with respect to bids under ORS 279C.365 (5) and 279C.385, as follows:

(a) The contracting agency may require proposal security in a form and amount as may be determined to be reasonably necessary or prudent to protect the interests of the contracting agency.

(b) The contracting agency shall retain the proposal security if a proposer who is awarded a contract fails to promptly and properly execute the contract and provide any required bonds or insurance.

(c) The contracting agency shall return the proposal security to all proposers upon the execution of the contract, or earlier in the selection process.

(6) In all other respects, and subject to rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, references in this chapter to invitations to bid, bids or bidders shall, to the extent practicable within the proposal process, be deemed equally applicable to requests for proposals, proposals or proposers. However, notwithstanding ORS 279C.375 (1), a contracting agency may not be required to award a contract advertised under the competitive proposal process based on price, but may award the contract in accordance with ORS 279C.410 (8). [2003 c.794 §129; 2005 c.103 §23; 2007 c.764 §29]

Port Rule C.400 Competitive Proposals

(1) Generally. The use of competitive proposals to award a public improvement contract must be specially authorized under a competitive bidding exception or exemption provided under ORS 279C.335, 279A.030, or 279A.100. If a public improvement contract is excepted or exempt from competitive bidding, then it will be awarded through competitive proposals.

(2) Applicability of Port of Portland Contracting Rule C.365 to Competitive Proposals

Port Rule C.365 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term “proposal” may be substituted for the word “bid” when a rule from Port Rule C.365 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(9), Bid Errors, the following rule applies:

Proposal Errors

Unless there is limiting language in the request for proposals, errors in proposals may be corrected at any time prior to the deadline for the Port's receipt of best and final offers, or, if best and final offers are not invited or allowed, the beginning of the Port's final evaluation of proposals.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(10), Irrevocability of Offers, the following rule applies:

Proposal Modification

The proposer may not modify its proposal without the prior written consent of the Port.

(3) Addenda Issued after Proposal Opening. If the Port issues an addendum after proposals are opened, the Port shall provide sufficient time for proposers to supplement their proposals, if necessary, based on the changes provided in the addendum. Less than five days may be allowed for proposal supplementation if the changes made by the addendum do not require extensive analysis or action on the part of the affected proposers.

279C.405 Requests for information, interest or qualifications; requirements for requests for proposals. (1) A contracting agency may issue a request for information, a request for interest, a request for qualifications or other preliminary documents to obtain information useful in the preparation or distribution of a request for proposals.

(2) In addition to the general requirements of ORS 279C.365, a contracting agency preparing a request for proposals shall include:

(a) All required contractual terms and conditions. The request for proposals also may:

(A) Identify those contractual terms or conditions the contracting agency reserves, in the request for proposals, for negotiation with proposers;

(B) Request that proposers propose contractual terms and conditions that relate to subject matter reasonably identified in the request for proposals; and

(C) Contain or incorporate the form and content of the contract that the contracting agency will accept, or suggested contract terms and conditions that nevertheless may be the subject of negotiations with proposers.

(b) The method of contractor selection, which may include but is not limited to award without negotiation, negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, multiple-tiered competition designed either to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers, or any combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(c) All evaluation factors that will be considered by the contracting agency when evaluating the proposals, including the relative importance of price and any other evaluation factors. [2003 c.794 §130; 2007 c.764 §30]

[no Port rule]

279C.410 Receipt of proposals; evaluation and award. (1) Notwithstanding the public records law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478:

(a) Proposals may be opened so as to avoid disclosure of contents to competing proposers during, when applicable, the process of negotiation.

(b) Proposals are not required to be open for public inspection until after the notice of intent to award a contract is issued.

(2) For each request for proposals, the contracting agency shall prepare a list of proposals.

(3) Notwithstanding any requirement to make proposals open to public inspection after the contracting agency's issuance of notice of intent to award a contract, a contracting agency may withhold from disclosure to the public trade secrets, as defined in ORS 192.345, and information submitted to a public body in confidence, as described in ORS 192.355, that are contained in a proposal. The fact that proposals are opened at a public meeting as defined in ORS 192.610 does not make their contents subject to disclosure, regardless of whether the public body opening the proposals fails to give notice of or provide for an executive session for the purpose of opening proposals. If a request for proposals is canceled after proposals are received, the contracting agency may return a proposal to the proposer that made the proposal. The contracting agency shall keep a list of returned proposals in the file for the solicitation.

(4) As provided in the request for proposals, a contracting agency may conduct discussions with proposers who submit proposals the agency has determined to be closely competitive or to have a reasonable chance of being selected for award. The discussions may be conducted for the purpose of clarification to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements. The contracting agency shall accord proposers fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals. Revisions of proposals may be permitted after the submission of proposals and before award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, the contracting agency may not disclose information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

(5) When provided for in the request for proposals, the contracting agency may employ methods of contractor selection including but not limited to award based solely on the ranking of proposals, negotiation with the highest ranked proposer, competitive negotiations, multiple-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower ranked proposers, or any combination of methods, as authorized or prescribed by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. When applicable, in any instance in which the contracting agency determines that impasse has been reached in negotiations with a highest ranked proposer, the contracting agency may terminate negotiations with that proposer and commence negotiations with the next highest ranked proposer.

(6) The cancellation of requests for proposals and the rejection of proposals shall be in accordance with ORS 279C.395.

(7) At least seven days before the award of a public improvement contract, unless the contracting agency determines that seven days is impractical under rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, the contracting agency shall issue to each proposer or post, electronically or otherwise, a notice of intent to award.

(8) If a public improvement contract is awarded, the contracting agency shall award a public improvement contract to the responsible proposer whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the contracting agency based on the evaluation factors set forth in the request for proposals and, when applicable, the outcome of any negotiations authorized by the request for proposals. Other factors may not be used in the evaluation. [2003 c.794 §131; 2005 c.103 §24; 2007 c.764 §31]

Port Rule C.410 Competitive Proposals*(1) Applicability of Port of Portland Contracting Rule C.365 to competitive proposals*

Port Rule C.365 generally applies also to competitive proposals, with the following exceptions (note: the term “proposal” may be substituted for the word “bid” when a rule from Port Rule C.365 is applied to competitive proposals):

(a) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(7), Bid Opening, the following rule applies:

Proposal Opening

The Port may open proposals at any time. There is no requirement for proposals to be opened in public. Subject to any exemptions under Oregon public records statutes, proposals shall be available for public inspection only after the Port has finished evaluating them.

(b) Rather than apply Port Rule C.365(8) Bid Evaluation, the following rule applies:

Proposal Evaluation

Proposals shall be evaluated based upon the evaluation criteria established by the request for proposals. Changes in evaluation criteria shall be communicated to all proposers or prospective proposers by addendum. If evaluation criteria are changed after proposals have been submitted, all proposers shall have an opportunity to supplement their proposals or submit best and final offers after receipt of the addendum changing the evaluation criteria.

(2) Competitive Range

The Port shall have discretion in the manner in which a competitive range is defined for a specific procurement. Generally, the competitive range will be defined as a natural “break” in evaluation scores between a higher scoring group of proposers and a lower scoring group of proposers. The number of proposers within a competitive range may not be defined prior to evaluation of proposals.

(3) Selection Method

(a) The Port shall have discretion in the method used to select the most advantageous contractor, including but not necessarily limited to negotiation with the highest-ranked proposer, competitive, simultaneous negotiations with one or more proposers, multi-tiered competition designed to identify a class of proposers that fall within a competitive range or to otherwise eliminate from consideration a class of lower-ranked proposers, or any combination of methods.

(b) The request for proposals may, but is not required to, define the selection method to be used for the specific procurement or class of procurements.

279C.412 Competitive quotes for intermediate procurements. (1) A public improvement contract estimated by the contracting agency not to exceed \$100,000 may be awarded in accordance with intermediate procurement procedures for competitive quotes established by rules adopted under ORS 279A.065. A contract awarded under this section may be amended to exceed \$100,000 only in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(2) A procurement may not be artificially divided or fragmented so as to constitute an intermediate procurement under this section or to circumvent competitive bidding requirements under this chapter.

(3) Intermediate procurements under this section need not be made through competitive bidding. However, nothing in this section may be construed as prohibiting a contracting agency from conducting a procurement that does not exceed \$100,000 under competitive bidding procedures. [2003 c.794 §132; 2007 c.764 §32]

Port Rule C.412 Intermediate Procurements

The Port of Portland may follow the requirements of ORS 279C.414 and the procedures established by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement for the award of public improvement contracts estimated not to exceed \$100,000, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines it is in the best interests of the Port.

279C.414 Requirements for competitive quotes. (1) Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065 to govern competitive quotes shall require the contracting agency to seek at least three informally solicited competitive price quotes from prospective contractors. The contracting agency shall keep a written record of the sources and amounts of the quotes received. If three quotes are not reasonably available, fewer will suffice, but in that event the contracting agency shall make a written record of the effort made to obtain the quotes.

(2) If a contract is to be awarded by competitive quotes, the contracting agency shall award the contract to the prospective contractor whose quote will best serve the interests of the contracting agency, taking into account price as well as any other applicable factors such as, but not limited to, experience, specific expertise, availability, project understanding, contractor capacity and responsibility. If an award is not made to the prospective contractor offering the lowest price quote, the contracting agency shall make a written record of the basis for award. [2003 c.794 §133]

[no Port rule]

Prequalification and Disqualification

279C.430 Prequalification of bidders; rules. (1) A contracting agency or, if appropriate, a local contract review board, may adopt a rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation that permits or requires a prospective bidder or proposer to prequalify for public improvement contracts, including community benefit contracts, for which the contracting agency intends to conduct a procurement. The rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation authorized by this section must include the time for submitting prequalification applications and a general description of the type and nature of the contracts for which the contracting agency intends to conduct a procurement. The prequalification application must be in writing on a standard form prescribed under the authority of ORS 279A.050.

(2) If a contracting agency or local contract review board permits or requires prequalification of bidders, a person who wishes to prequalify shall submit a prequalification application to the contracting agency on a standard form prescribed under subsection (1) of this section. Within 30 days after receiving a prequalification application, the contracting agency shall investigate the applicant as necessary to determine if the applicant is qualified. The determination must be made in less than 30 days, if practicable, if the applicant requests an early decision to allow the applicant as much time as possible to prepare a bid on a contract that the contracting agency advertised. In making the determination, the contracting agency shall consider only the applicable standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279C.375 (3)(b). The agency shall promptly notify the applicant whether or not the applicant is qualified.

(3) If the contracting agency finds that the applicant is qualified, the notice must state the nature and type of contracts for which the prospective contractor may submit a bid or proposal and the period of time for which the qualification is valid under the contracting agency's rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation. If the contracting agency finds the applicant is not qualified as to any contracts covered by the rule, resolution, ordinance or other regulation, the notice must specify the reasons found under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) for not prequalifying the applicant and inform the applicant of the right to a hearing under ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450.

(4) If a contracting agency has reasonable cause to believe that a substantial change has taken place in the conditions of a prequalified person and that because of the substantial change the person is no longer qualified or is less qualified, the agency may revoke or may revise and reissue the prequalification after reasonable notice to the prequalified person. The notice shall state the reasons found under ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) for revocation or revision of the prequalification of the person and inform the person of the right to a hearing under ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450. A revocation or revision does not apply to any public improvement contract for which publication of an advertisement, in accordance with ORS 279C.360, commenced before the date the notice of revocation or revision was received by the prequalified person. [2003 c.794 §123; 2005 c.103 §25; 2021 c.488 §4]

[no Port rule]

279C.435 Effect of prequalification by Department of Transportation or Oregon Department of Administrative Services. If a person is prequalified with the Department of Transportation or with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the person is rebuttably presumed qualified with any other contracting agency for the same kind of work. When qualifying for the same kind of work with another contracting agency, the person may submit proof of the prequalification in lieu of a prequalification application as required by ORS 279C.430. [2003 c.794 §128]

[no Port rule]

279C.440 Disqualification from consideration for award of contracts. (1)(a) A contracting agency may disqualify a person from consideration for award of the contracting agency's contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section after providing the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(b) In lieu of the disqualification process described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, a contracting agency contracting for a public improvement may petition the Construction Contractors Board to disqualify a person from consideration for award of the contracting agency's public improvement contracts for the reasons listed in subsection (2) of this section. The Construction Contractors Board shall provide the person with notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(c) A contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board may not disqualify a person under this section for a period of more than three years.

(2) A person may be disqualified from consideration for award of a contracting agency's contracts for any of the following reasons:

(a) The person has been convicted of a criminal offense as an incident in obtaining or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.

(b) The person has been convicted under state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or any other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that currently, seriously and directly affects the person's responsibility as a contractor.

(c) The person has been convicted under state or federal antitrust statutes.

(d) The person has committed a violation of a contract provision that is regarded by the contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board to be so serious as to justify disqualification. A violation may include but is not limited to a failure to perform the terms of a contract or an unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of the contract. However, a failure to perform or an unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor may not be considered to be a basis for disqualification.

(e) The person does not carry workers' compensation or unemployment insurance as required by statute.

(3) A contracting agency or the Construction Contractors Board shall issue a written decision to disqualify a person under this section. The decision shall:

(a) State the reasons for the action taken; and

(b) Inform the disqualified person of the appeal right of the person under:

(A) ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450 if the decision to disqualify was issued by a contracting agency; or

(B) ORS chapter 183 if the decision to disqualify was issued by the Construction Contractors Board.

(4) A copy of the decision issued under subsection (3) of this section must be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to the disqualified person. [2003 c.794 §122]

[no Port rule]

279C.445 Appeal of disqualification. Any person who wishes to appeal disqualification shall, within three business days after receipt of notice of disqualification, notify the contracting agency that the person appeals the disqualification. Immediately upon receipt of the notice of appeal:

(1) A state contracting agency shall notify the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(2) All contracting agencies other than state contracting agencies shall notify the appropriate local contract review board. [2003 c.794 §124]

[no Port rule]

279C.450 Appeal procedure for decision to deny, revoke or revise prequalification; hearing; costs; judicial review. (1) An appeal from a contracting agency's disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification is subject to the procedures set forth in this section and is not subject to ORS chapter 183 except when specifically provided in this section.

(2) Promptly upon receiving notice of appeal from a contracting agency as provided in ORS 279C.445, the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the local contract review board shall notify the person appealing and the contracting agency of the time and place of the hearing. The director or board shall conduct the hearing and decide the appeal within 30 days after receiving the notification from the contracting agency unless the person appealing and the contracting agency mutually agree to a different period of time. The director or board shall set forth in writing the reasons for the decision.

(3) In the hearing the director or board shall consider de novo the notice of disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification, the reasons listed in ORS 279C.440 (2) on which the contracting agency based the disqualification or the standards of responsibility listed in ORS 279C.375 (3)(b) on which the contracting agency based the denial, revocation or revision of the prequalification and any evidence provided by the parties. In all other respects, a hearing before the director shall be conducted in the same manner as a contested case under ORS 183.417 (1) to (4) and (7), 183.425, 183.440, 183.450 and 183.452.

(4) The director may allocate the director's cost for the hearing between the person appealing and the contracting agency whose disqualification or prequalification decision is being appealed. The director shall base the allocation upon facts the director finds in the record and states in the final order that, in the director's opinion, warrant such allocation of the costs. If the final order does not allocate the director's costs for the hearing, the costs must be paid as follows:

(a) If the director upholds the decision to disqualify or deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person, the person appealing the disqualification or prequalification decision shall pay the director's costs.

(b) If the director reverses the decision to disqualify or deny, revoke or revise a prequalification of a person, the contracting agency whose disqualification or prequalification decision is the subject of the appeal shall pay the director's costs.

(5) The decision of the director or board may be reviewed only upon a petition, filed within 15 days after the date of the decision, in the circuit court of the county in which the director or board has the director's or the board's principal office. The circuit court shall reverse or modify the decision only if the court finds:

(a) The decision was obtained through corruption, fraud or undue means.

(b) There was evident partiality or corruption on the part of the director or board or any of the members of the board.

(c) There was an evident material miscalculation of figures or an evident material mistake in the description of a person, thing or property referred to in the decision.

(6) The procedure provided in this section is the exclusive means of judicial review of the decision of the director or board. The judicial review provisions of ORS 183.480, the writs of review and mandamus, as provided in ORS chapter 34, and other legal, declaratory and injunctive remedies are not available.

(7) The circuit court may, in the court's discretion, stay the letting of the contract that is the subject of the petition in the same manner as the court may issue a stay in a suit in equity. If the court determines that an improper disqualification or denial, revocation or revision of a prequalification occurred and the contract has been let, the court may proceed to take evidence to determine the damages, if any, the petitioner suffered and award such damages as the court may find as a judgment against the director or board. The court may award costs and attorney fees to the prevailing party. [2003 c.794 §125; 2005 c.103 §26; 2007 c.288 §13; 2009 c.149 §1]

[no Port rule]

Remedies

279C.460 Action by or on behalf of adversely affected bidder or proposer; exception for personal services contract. (1) Any bidder or proposer adversely affected or any trade association of construction contractors acting on behalf of a member of the association to protect interests common to construction contractor members may commence an action in the circuit court for the county where the principal offices of a contracting agency are located, for the purpose of requiring

compliance with, or prevention of violations of, ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 or to determine the applicability of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 to matters or decisions of the contracting agency.

(2) The court may order such equitable relief as the court considers appropriate in the circumstances. In addition to or in lieu of any equitable relief, the court may award an aggrieved bidder or proposer any damages suffered by the bidder or proposer as a result of violations of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470 for the reasonable cost of preparing and submitting a bid or proposal. A decision of the contracting agency may not be voided if other equitable relief is available.

(3) If the contracting agency is successful in defending the contracting agency's actions against claims of violation or potential violation of ORS 279C.300 to 279C.470, the court may award to the aggrieved contracting agency any damages suffered as a result of the court action.

(4) The court may order payment of reasonable attorney fees and costs on trial and on appeal to a successful party in an action brought under this section.

(5) This section does not apply to personal services contracts under ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125. [2003 c.794 §134; 2007 c.764 §33]

Port Rule C.460 Protests

(a) Applicability

This rule applies only to protests of the Port of Portland's solicitation or award of public improvement contracts under ORS Chapter 279C, unless another protest procedure is set forth in the procurement document for the public improvement contract. Port Contracting Rule B.400 applies to protests of the Port's solicitation or award of (i) public contracts under ORS Chapter 279B; and (ii) personal services contracts under Port Contracting Rule B.500 or ORS 279C.100 to 279C.125.

(b) Written Protest Required

If an offeror or prospective offeror wishes to object to any aspect of a Port procurement to which this rule applies, the offeror or prospective offeror ("protester") may file a written protest with the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement. The protest must include all grounds for the protest, and all supporting evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits.

(c) Timeliness

A protest must be filed promptly as soon as the protester knows of the grounds for the protest, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were apparent on the face of the solicitation document, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days before the date by which bids or proposals must be submitted, or such other date as may be provided for in the procurement document. If the grounds for a protest were not apparent until contract award, the Port may decline to consider a protest filed later than five business days after the protester knew or should have known of the Port's intent to award the contract, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document.

(d) Written Decision

The Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement shall issue a written decision in response to a protest.

(e) Discretionary Meeting

The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may, but is not required to, schedule a meeting with the protester prior to issuing a written decision. The Manager of Contracts and Procurement may invite other Port staff to the meeting, and, in the case of a procurement involving a Port evaluation team, may invite one or more members of the evaluation team to the meeting.

(f) Appeal and Final Administrative Action

If the protester disagrees with the written decision issued by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, the protester may appeal in writing to the Port's Executive Director. The written appeal must be received by the Executive Director's office within five business days after the protester's receipt of the written decision by the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement, unless a different deadline is set forth in the procurement document. The Executive Director may decline to consider a late appeal. The written appeal must include all legal arguments and all evidence, in the form of physical evidence, documents, or affidavits. The Executive Director shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal, and that written decision shall be the Port's final administrative action with respect to the protest.

(g) Port Not Required to Delay Process During Protest

The Port may proceed with the procurement after denial of protest or denial of appeal, including without limitation award and execution of the contract and commencement of the work thereunder.

279C.465 Action against successful bidder; amount of damages; when action to be commenced; defenses. (1) Any person that loses a competitive bid or proposal for a contract involving the construction, repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, rehabilitation, replacement or renovation of a building or structure may bring an action for damages against another person who is awarded the contract for which the bid or proposal was made if the person making the losing bid or proposal can establish that the other person knowingly violated ORS 279C.840, 656.017, 657.505, 701.021 or 701.026 while performing the work under the contract, or knowingly failed to pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167.

(2) A person bringing an action under this section must establish a violation of ORS 279C.840, 316.167, 656.017, 657.505, 701.021 or 701.026 by a preponderance of the evidence.

(3) Upon establishing that the violation occurred, the person shall recover, as liquidated damages, 10 percent of the total amount of the contract or \$5,000, whichever is greater.

(4) In any action under this section, the prevailing party is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees.

(5) An action under this section must be commenced within two years of the substantial completion of the construction, repair, remodeling, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, rehabilitation, replacement or renovation. For the purposes of this subsection, "substantial completion" has the meaning given that term in ORS 12.135.

(6) A person may not recover any amounts under this section if the defendant in the action establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that the plaintiff:

(a) Was in violation of ORS 701.021 or 701.026 at the time of making the bid or proposal on the contract;

(b) Was in violation of ORS 316.167, 656.017 or 657.505 with respect to any employees of the plaintiff as of the time of making the bid or proposal on the contract; or

(c) Was in violation of ORS 279C.840 with respect to any contract performed by the plaintiff within one year before making the bid or proposal on the contract at issue in the action. [2003 c.794 §135; 2007 c.836 §44]

[no Port rule]

279C.470 Compensation for contractor on contract declared void by court; exceptions; applicability. (1) If a court determines that a public improvement contract is void because the contracting agency letting the contract failed to comply with any statutory or regulatory competitive bidding or other procurement requirements, and the contractor entered into the contract without intentionally violating the laws regulating public improvement contracts, then, unless the court determines that substantial injustice would result, the contractor is entitled to reimbursement for work performed under the contract as follows:

(a) If the work under the public improvement contract is substantially complete, the contracting agency shall ratify the contract.

(b) If the work under the public improvement contract is not substantially complete, the contracting agency shall ratify the contract and the contract shall be deemed terminated. Upon termination, the contractor shall be paid in accordance with ORS 279C.660, unless the court determines that payment under ORS 279C.660 would be a substantial injustice to the contracting agency or the contractor, in which case the contractor shall be paid as the court deems equitable.

(c) For the purposes of this section, a ratified contract shall be deemed valid, binding and legally enforceable, and the contractor's payment and performance bonds shall remain in full force and effect.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if a court determines that a public improvement contract is void as a result of fraudulent or criminal acts or omissions of the contractor or of both the contracting agency letting the contract and the contractor, the contractor is not entitled to reimbursement for work performed under the contract.

(3) This section does not apply to a public improvement contract if:

(a) The contracting agency's employee that awarded the public improvement contract did not have the authority to do so under law, ordinance, charter, contract or agency rule; or

(b) Payment is otherwise prohibited by Oregon law.

(4) The contractor and all subcontractors under a public improvement contract are prohibited from asserting that the public improvement contract is void for any reason described in this section. [2003 c.794 §136]

[no Port rule]

Construction Contracts Generally

Required Contract Conditions

279C.500 "Person" defined. As used in ORS 279C.500 to 279C.530, unless the context otherwise requires, "person" includes the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation and the Department of Revenue. [2003 c.794 §137]

[no Port rule]

279C.505 Conditions concerning payment, contributions, liens, withholding, drug testing. (1) Every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall:

(a) Make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying to the contractor labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

(b) Pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from the contractor or subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract.

(c) Not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof, on account of any labor or material furnished.

(d) Pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees under ORS 316.167.

(2) In addition to the conditions specified in subsection (1) of this section, every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall demonstrate that an employee drug testing program is in place. [2003 c.794 §138; 2005 c.103 §27]

[no Port rule]

279C.510 Demolition contracts to require material salvage; lawn and landscape maintenance contracts to require composting or mulching. (1) Every public improvement contract for demolition shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to salvage or recycle construction and demolition debris, if feasible and cost-effective.

(2) Every public improvement contract for lawn and landscape maintenance shall contain a condition requiring the contractor to compost or mulch yard waste material at an approved site, if feasible and cost-effective. [2003 c.794 §139]

[no Port rule]

279C.515 Conditions concerning payment of claims by public officers, payment to persons furnishing labor or materials and complaints. (1) Every public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay promptly a person's claim for labor or services that the person provides to the contractor or a subcontractor in connection with the public improvement contract as the claim becomes due, the proper officer that represents the state or a county, school district, municipality or municipal corporation or a subdivision of the state, county, school district, municipality or municipal corporation may pay the amount of the claim to the person that provides the labor or services and charge the amount of the payment against funds due or to become due the contractor by reason of the contract.

(2) Every public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor or a first-tier subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay a person that provides labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract within 30 days after receiving payment from the contracting agency or a contractor, the contractor or first-tier subcontractor owes the person the amount due plus interest charges that begin at the end of the 10-day period within which payment is due under ORS 279C.580 (4) and that end upon final payment, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580. The rate of interest on the amount due is nine percent per annum. The amount of interest may not be waived.

(3) Every public improvement contract and every contract related to the public improvement contract must contain a clause or condition that, if the contractor or a subcontractor fails, neglects or refuses to pay a person that provides labor or materials in connection with the public improvement contract, the person may file a complaint with the Construction Contractors Board, unless payment is subject to a good faith dispute as defined in ORS 279C.580.

(4) Paying a claim in the manner authorized in this section does not relieve the contractor or the contractor's surety from obligation with respect to an unpaid claim. [2003 c.794 §140; 2005 c.103 §28; 2012 c.4 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.520 Condition concerning hours of labor; compliance with pay equity provisions; employee discussions of rate of pay or benefits. (1) Every public contract subject to this chapter must provide that:

(a) A contractor may not employ an employee for more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity, emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires otherwise, and in such cases, except in cases of contracts for personal services as defined in ORS 279C.100, the contractor shall pay the employee at least time and a half pay for:

(A)(i) All overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(ii) All overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week if the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(B) All work the employee performs on Saturday and on any legal holiday specified in ORS 279C.540.

(b) The contractor shall comply with the prohibition set forth in ORS 652.220, that compliance is a material element of the contract and that a failure to comply is a breach that entitles the contracting agency to terminate the contract for cause.

(c) The contractor may not prohibit any of the contractor's employees from discussing the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person and may not retaliate against an employee who discusses the employee's rate of wage, salary, benefits or other compensation with another employee or another person.

(2) A contractor shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(3) A public contract for personal services, as defined in ORS 279C.100, must provide that the contractor shall pay the contractor's employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for all overtime the employees work in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for employees under a personal services public contract who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(4) A public contract for services at a county fair, or for another event that a county fair board authorizes, must provide that the contractor shall pay employees who work under the public contract at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week. A contractor shall notify employees who work under the public contract, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work.

(5)(a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a public contract for services must provide that the contractor shall pay employees at least time and a half pay for work the employees perform under the public contract on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in ORS 279C.540 (1)(b)(B) to (G) and for all time the employees work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) A contractor shall notify in writing employees who work on a public contract for services, either at the time of hire or before work begins on the public contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the contractor may require the employees to work. [2003 c.794 §141; 2005 c.103 §29; 2015 c.454 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.525 Provisions concerning environmental and natural resources laws; remedies. (1)

Solicitation documents for a public improvement contract shall make specific reference to federal, state and local agencies that have enacted ordinances, rules or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources that affect the performance of the contract. If the successful bidder awarded the project is delayed or must undertake additional work by reason of existing ordinances, rules or regulations of agencies not cited in the public improvement contract or due to the enactment of new or the amendment of existing statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources occurring after the submission of the successful bid, the contracting agency may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use nonagency forces already under contract with the contracting agency;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services under the competitive bid requirements of this chapter; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

(2) In addition to the obligation imposed under subsection (1) of this section to refer to federal, state and local agencies with ordinances, rules or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation of natural resources, a solicitation document must also make specific reference to known conditions at the construction site that may require the successful bidder to comply with the ordinances, rules or regulations identified under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If the successful bidder encounters a condition not referred to in the solicitation documents, not caused by the successful bidder and not discoverable by a reasonable prebid visual site inspection, and the condition requires compliance with the ordinances, rules or regulations referred to under subsection (1) of this section, the successful bidder shall immediately give notice of the condition to the contracting agency.

(4) Except in the case of an emergency and except as may otherwise be required by any environmental or natural resource ordinance, rule or regulation, the successful bidder may not commence work nor incur any additional job site costs in regard to the condition encountered and described in subsection (3) of this section without written direction from the contracting agency.

(5) Upon request by the contracting agency, the successful bidder shall estimate the emergency or regulatory compliance costs as well as the anticipated delay and costs resulting from the encountered condition. This cost estimate shall be promptly delivered to the contracting agency for resolution.

(6) Within a reasonable period of time following delivery of an estimate under subsection (5) of this section, the contracting agency may:

- (a) Terminate the contract;
- (b) Complete the work itself;
- (c) Use nonagency forces already under contract with the contracting agency;
- (d) Require that the underlying property owner be responsible for cleanup;
- (e) Solicit bids for a new contractor to provide the necessary services under the competitive bid requirements of this chapter; or
- (f) Issue the contractor a change order setting forth the additional work that must be undertaken.

(7)(a) If the contracting agency chooses to terminate the contract under subsection (1)(a) or (6)(a) of this section, the successful bidder shall be entitled to all costs and expenses incurred to the date of termination, including overhead and reasonable profits, on the percentage of the work completed. The contracting agency shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when

making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor.

(b) If the contracting agency causes work to be done by another contractor under subsection (1)(c) or (e) or (6)(c) or (e) of this section, the initial contractor may not be held liable for actions or omissions of the other contractor.

(c) The change order under subsection (1)(f) or (6)(f) of this section shall include the appropriate extension of contract time and compensate the contractor for all additional costs, including overhead and reasonable profits, reasonably incurred as a result of complying with the applicable statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations. The contracting agency shall have access to the contractor's bid documents when making the contracting agency's determination of the additional compensation due to the contractor.

(8) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (7) of this section, a contracting agency:

(a) May allocate all or a portion of the known environmental and natural resource risks to a contractor by listing such environmental and natural resource risks with specificity in the solicitation documents; and

(b) In a local improvement district, may allocate all or a portion of the known and unknown environmental and natural resource risks to a contractor by so stating in the solicitation documents. [2003 c.794 §142]

[no Port rule]

279C.527 Inclusion of amount for green energy technology or woody biomass energy technology in public improvement contract; written determination of appropriateness; conditions, exemptions and limitations; rules. (1) As used in this section and ORS 279C.528:

(a)(A) "Green energy technology" means a system that employs:

(i) Solar or geothermal energy directly for space or water heating or to generate electricity;

(ii) Building design that uses solar energy passively to reduce energy use from other sources by at least 10 percent from a level required under ORS 276.900 to 276.915 or achieved in buildings constructed according to state building code standards that the Department of Consumer and Business Services approves under ORS 455.496; or

(iii) Battery storage, if the battery storage is part of a system that generates electricity from solar or geothermal energy on the site of the public building.

(B) "Green energy technology" does not include a system that:

(i) Uses water, groundwater or the ground as a heat source at temperatures less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit, or less than 128 degrees Fahrenheit if the system is used for a public school building; or

(ii) Incorporates solar energy indirectly into other methods for generating energy, such as from the action of waves on water, from hydroelectric facilities or from wind-powered turbines.

(b)(A) "Public building" means a building that a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, owns or controls, and that is:

(i) Used or occupied by employees of the public body; or

(ii) Used for conducting public business.

(B) "Public building" does not include an airport, as defined in ORS 836.005.

(c)(A) "Total contract price" means all of the costs a contracting agency anticipates incurring in all contracts and subcontracts involved in constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building including design or architecture, engineering, transportation or environmental impact assessment and planning, construction management, labor, materials, land surveying and site preparation, demolition, hazardous material removal, required reinforcements or improvements to existing structures or appurtenant infrastructure, insurance, inspections and

certifications and, except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, other costs the contracting agency would not incur but for the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of the public building.

(B) “Total contract price” does not include:

(i) Costs of advertising, soliciting, evaluating bids or proposals for or awarding a public contract;

(ii) Costs of moving contracting agency employees, equipment and furnishings from and to a public building;

(iii) Costs of locating, renting or leasing and preparing to occupy alternative facilities;

(iv) Ordinary operating costs for a public building during periods of reconstruction or renovation;

(v) Costs of storing equipment or furnishings at a site away from a public building;

(vi) Labor costs for employees of a contracting agency;

(vii) Direct costs that are solely for the purpose of retrofitting or improving a public building’s ability to withstand a seismic event; and

(viii) Costs that bear only a tenuous relationship to the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building.

(d)(A) “Woody biomass energy technology” means a system that, for space or water heating or as a combined heat and power system, uses a boiler with a lower heating value combustion efficiency of at least 80 percent and that uses as fuel material from trees and woody plants, such as limbs, tops, needles, leaves and other woody parts, that:

(i) Grows in a forest, a woodland, a farm, a rangeland or a wildland that borders on an urban area; and

(ii) Is a by-product of forest management, agriculture, ecosystem restoration or fire prevention or related activities.

(B) “Woody biomass energy technology” does not include a system that uses for fuel:

(i) Wood pieces that have been treated with creosote, pentachlorophenol, chromated copper arsenate or other chemical preservatives; or

(ii) Municipal solid waste.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a contracting agency that intends to enter into a public improvement contract with a total contract price of \$5 million or more for constructing a public building or for reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, if the cost of the reconstruction or major renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the public building, shall first make a determination under subsection (5) of this section as to whether green energy technology is appropriate for the public building.

(b) If a contracting agency determines that green energy technology is appropriate, the contracting agency shall ensure that the public improvement contract provides an amount equal to at least 1.5 percent of the total contract price for the purpose of including appropriate green energy technology as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of the public building.

(3)(a) A public improvement contract to construct, reconstruct or renovate a public building may provide for constructing green energy technology, other than battery storage, at a site that is located away from the site of the public building if:

(A) Constructing green energy technology away from the site of the public building and using the energy from the green energy technology at the site of the public building is more cost-effective, taking into account additional costs associated with transmitting generated energy to the site of the public building, than is constructing and using green energy technology at the site of the public building;

(B) The green energy technology that is located away from the site of the public building is located within this state and in the same county as, or in a county adjacent to, the site of the public building; and

(C) The public improvement contract provides that all of the moneys for constructing green energy technology away from the site of the public building must fund new energy generating capacity that does not replace or constitute a purchase and use of energy generated from green energy technology that:

(i) Employs solar energy and that existed on the date that the original building permit for the public building was issued; or

(ii) Employs geothermal energy and for which construction was completed before January 1, 2013.

(b) In evaluating whether a contracting agency can construct green energy technology, other than battery storage, at a site away from the site of the public building in accordance with paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, the contracting agency shall compare the costs of constructing green energy technology that employs a particular fuel source or method of energy generation at the site of the public building only with the corresponding costs of green energy technology that employs the same fuel source or method of energy generation at a location away from the site of the public building.

(4)(a) Of the amount that a contracting agency provides in a public improvement contract under subsection (2) of this section for the purpose of including green energy technology as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building, the contracting agency may expend as much as half or, if green energy technology is not appropriate for the public building, the entirety, as follows:

(A) If an analysis under subsection (5)(a)(B) of this section shows that the available total solar resource fraction at the site of the public building is 75 percent or less, the contracting agency may improve energy use efficiency in the public building by:

(i) Designing, engineering and constructing, reconstructing or renovating the public building to reduce or offset energy use in accordance with guidelines the State Department of Energy adopts by rule; or

(ii) Installing or preparing the public building for an installation of devices, technologies and other measures that reduce or offset energy use in accordance with guidelines the department adopts by rule.

(B) The contracting agency may include woody biomass energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation on the public building if the woody biomass energy technology creates new energy generation capacity that did not exist on the date on which the original building permit for the public building was issued, the contracting agency has considered the potential costs of the woody biomass energy technology and:

(i) The facility that uses woody biomass energy technology is located in an area of the state that complies with standards that the Department of Environmental Quality has adopted for emissions of particulate matter; or

(ii) The contracting agency demonstrates to the Department of Environmental Quality, if the facility that uses woody biomass energy technology is located in an area that does not comply with standards the department has adopted for emissions of particulate matter, that one of the following two conditions applies:

(I) The fuel that the woody biomass energy technology uses is pelletized; or

(II) The woody biomass energy technology produces particulate matter emissions at the same level as, or a lower level than, a functionally equivalent system that is capable of producing the same energy output and that uses fuel that is pelletized.

(b) Notwithstanding a contracting agency's demonstrations in accordance with subparagraph (B)(ii) of this paragraph, the Department of Environmental Quality may require additional emissions control technologies or specifications before the contracting agency may include woody biomass energy technology in the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a public building.

(5)(a) In making a written determination as to whether green energy technology is appropriate, or whether an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section is suitable as an addition to or an alternative to including green energy technology in constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, a contracting agency in the written determination shall:

(A) List the total contract price and specify the amount the agency intends to expend on including green energy technology or for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation.

(B) Show the results of an analysis of the total solar resource fraction available for use at the site on which the contracting agency intends to install green energy technology that uses solar energy for space or water heating or to generate electricity. The contracting agency may conclude that the green energy technology described in this subparagraph is appropriate if the total solar resource fraction exceeds 75 percent.

(b) The State Department of Energy shall develop a form that a contracting agency may use to prepare the written determination described in this subsection.

(6)(a) If a contracting agency determines that green energy technology is not appropriate for a public building, subsection (2) of this section does not apply to the public improvement contract, except that if the contracting agency determines that an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section is a suitable alternative, the contracting agency will make the determination specified in subsection (5) of this section for the alternative purpose. A contracting agency's determination under this paragraph must consider whether constructing green energy technology or making an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section at the site of the public building is appropriate and whether constructing green energy technology, other than battery storage, away from the site of the public building and in accordance with subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section, or making an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section away from the site of the public building, is appropriate.

(b) If subsection (2) of this section does not apply to the public improvement contract and the contracting agency does not choose to make an expenditure for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section:

(A) The contracting agency shall expend an amount equal to at least 1.5 percent of the total contract price to include appropriate green energy technology or for a purpose described in subsection (4) of this section as part of a future public building project; and

(B) The amount the contracting agency expends on the future public building project in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is in addition to any amount required under subsection (2) of this section for including appropriate green energy technology as part of the future public building project.

(7) A contracting agency may choose to consolidate in one public building, or in one location away from the site of the public building, all or a substantial portion of the green energy technology that the contracting agency would otherwise include as part of the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of one or more other public buildings if:

(a) The total amount the contracting agency expends on green energy technology is an aggregate of all of the amounts that, under this section and ORS 279C.528, the contracting agency must expend on each of the public buildings that are part of the same project; and

(b) The project, taken as a whole, otherwise meets the requirements set forth in this section and ORS 279C.528.

(8)(a) A contracting agency need not set aside the amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section in an account or otherwise reserve moneys for a future public building at the time the contracting agency makes the determination described in subsection (5) of this section, but the contracting agency shall report the amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section to the State Department of Energy as provided in ORS 279C.528 (2).

(b) Subsection (6)(b) of this section does not apply to a public improvement contract for which state funds are not directly or indirectly used.

(9)(a) This section does not exempt an authorized state agency, as defined in ORS 276.905, from complying with ORS 276.900 to 276.915, except that an authorized state agency, without complying with ORS 276.900 to 276.915, may determine that green energy technology or an alternative technology described in subsection (4) of this section is appropriate to include as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building.

(b) A contracting agency may not use an amount described in subsection (6)(b) of this section to comply with requirements set forth in ORS 276.900 to 276.915 or with a state building code standard that the Department of Consumer and Business Services approves under ORS 455.496.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 174.108 (3), this section applies to intergovernmental entities described in ORS 174.108 (3). [2007 c.310 §2; 2012 c.83 §1; 2013 c.612 §1; 2015 c.262 §1; 2015 c.424 §1; 2017 c.735 §1; 2019 c.160 §1]

Port Rule C.527 Determination of Appropriateness

The determination of appropriateness required under ORS 279C.527(5) will be based on written findings addressing, at minimum, the factors set forth in OAR 330-135-0045 and will be made by the Executive Director.

279C.528 State Department of Energy requirements and specifications; record keeping requirements; rules. (1) Each contracting agency, in soliciting, awarding and administering public improvement contracts that are subject to ORS 279C.527, is subject to rules the State Department of Energy adopts that include, but are not limited to, requirements, methods and specifications for:

- (a) Using particular green energy technologies in public improvements;
- (b) Determining the cost-effectiveness of green energy technologies;
- (c) Determining the total solar resource fraction that applies to a public building or to a site on which a contracting agency will construct green energy technology;
- (d) Including particular costs in the total contract price for a public building;
- (e) Improving energy use efficiency in a public building;
- (f) Submitting documents required under ORS 279C.527 to the department for review; and
- (g) Determining whether a structure is a public building subject to the requirements of ORS 279C.527.

(2)(a) Each contracting agency shall collect and maintain information concerning the contracting agency's compliance with ORS 279C.527, which must include, at a minimum:

(A) Records that show how the contracting agency expended moneys to include appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4);

(B) An identification of each public improvement contract for which the contracting agency expended moneys to include appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4);

(C) An identification of each public improvement contract for which the contracting agency determined that including green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, and that making an expenditure for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4), was not appropriate;

(D) The total amount the contracting agency would have expended on each public improvement contract identified in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph and the total aggregated amount that the contracting agency must expend to include green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a future public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4); and

(E) An identification of each public improvement contract that uses moneys the contracting agency did not expend on a previous public improvement contract for including appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4).

(b) Each contracting agency shall compile the information the contracting agency collected under paragraph (a) of this subsection and report the information to the department at times, in a manner and on forms that the department specifies by rule.

(c) The department shall:

(A) Compile and summarize the information the department receives under paragraph (b) of this subsection and, in the department's compilation and summary, specifically:

(i) Identify contracting agencies that have not complied with the requirements of ORS 279C.527 or the reporting requirements set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection;

(ii) Identify public improvement contracts for which contracting agencies have determined that including green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building, and that making an expenditure for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4), was not appropriate; and

(iii) Identify public improvement contracts that use moneys a contracting agency did not expend on a previous public improvement contract on including appropriate green energy technology as part of constructing, reconstructing or performing a major renovation of a public building or for a purpose described in ORS 279C.527 (4).

(B) Deliver annually to the Legislative Assembly, on or before the date on which each regular session of the Legislative Assembly begins, a report concerning contracting agency compliance with this section and ORS 279C.527 that includes the compilation and summary the department prepared under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. [2007 c.310 §3; 2012 c.83 §2; 2013 c.612 §2; 2015 c.424 §2; 2017 c.735 §2; 2019 c.160 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.530 Condition concerning payment for medical care and providing workers' compensation. (1) Every public improvement contract shall contain a condition that the contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, copartnership, association or corporation furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of the contractor, of all sums that the contractor agrees to pay for the services and all moneys and sums that the contractor collected or deducted from the wages of employees under any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for the services.

(2) Every public contract subject to this chapter shall contain a clause or condition that all subject employers working under the contract are either employers that will comply with ORS 656.017 or employers that are exempt under ORS 656.126. [2003 c.794 §143; 2005 c.103 §30]

[no Port rule]

279C.533 Condition concerning employment of apprentices to perform percentage of work hours that workers in apprenticeable occupations perform on public improvements. *
**** [2017 c.416 §2; 2023 c.504 §1]**

[no Port rule]

279C.534 Advisory committee for monitoring implementation of apprenticeship condition in public improvement contracts. * [2017 c.416 §4]**

[no Port rule]

279C.535 Condition concerning steel material; rules. The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules to require that public improvement contracts entered into by the department include a price escalation and de-escalation clause relating to steel material. As used in this section, “steel material” includes structural and reinforcing steel, steel studs, sheet piling, guardrail, ductile iron pipe and other steel products used for the construction, reconstruction or major renovation of a road or highway. [2005 c.557 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.537 Condition concerning use of diesel engines in motor vehicles used in performing certain public improvement contracts; rules. * [2019 c.645 §18; 2023 c.497 §15]**

[no Port rule]

Hours of Labor

279C.540 Maximum hours of labor on public contracts; holidays; exceptions; liability to workers; rules. (1) When labor is employed by the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof through a contractor, a person may not be required or permitted to labor more than 10 hours in any one day, or 40 hours in any one week, except in cases of necessity or emergency or when the public policy absolutely requires it, in which event, the person so employed for excessive hours shall receive at least time and a half pay:

(a)(A) For all overtime in excess of eight hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is five consecutive days, Monday through Friday; or

(B) For all overtime in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week when the work week is four consecutive days, Monday through Friday; and

(b) For all work performed on Saturday and on the following legal holidays:

(A) Each Sunday.

(B) New Year’s Day on January 1.

(C) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

(D) Independence Day on July 4.

(E) Labor Day on the first Monday in September.

(F) Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November.

(G) Christmas Day on December 25.

(2) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who perform work under subsection (1) of this section, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that employees may be required to work.

(3) For the purpose of this section, each time a legal holiday, other than Sunday, listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be recognized as a legal holiday. Each time a legal holiday listed in subsection (1) of this section falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be recognized as a legal holiday.

(4) Subsections (1) to (3) of this section do not apply to a public improvement contract or a contract for services if the contractor is a party to a collective bargaining agreement in effect with any labor organization.

(5) When specifically agreed to under a written labor-management negotiated labor agreement, an employee may be paid at least time and a half pay for work performed on any legal holiday specified in ORS 187.010 and 187.020 that is not listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(6) This section does not apply to contracts for personal services as defined in ORS 279C.100, provided that persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all overtime worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week, except for individuals under personal services contracts who are excluded under ORS 653.010 to 653.261 or under 29 U.S.C. 201 to 209 from receiving overtime.

(7) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services at a county fair or for other events authorized by a county fair board if persons employed under the contract receive at least time and a half for work in excess of 10 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week.

(8)(a) Subsections (1) and (2) of this section do not apply to contracts for services. However, persons employed under such contracts shall receive at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in subsection (1)(b)(B) to (G) of this section and for all time worked in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.

(b) An employer shall give notice in writing to employees who work on a contract for services, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and days per week that the employees may be required to work.

(9) Any contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety that violates the provisions of this section is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages. If the violation results from willful falsification of payroll records, the contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety is liable to the affected employees in the amount of their unpaid overtime wages and an additional amount equal to twice the unpaid overtime wages as liquidated damages.

(10) An action to enforce liability to employees under subsection (9) of this section may be brought as an action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(11) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. [2003 c.794 §144; 2005 c.103 §31]

[no Port rule]

279C.545 Time limitation on claim for overtime; posting of circular by contractor. When labor is employed by the state or a county, school district, municipality, municipal corporation or subdivision thereof through another as a contractor, any worker employed by the contractor shall be foreclosed from the right to collect for any overtime provided in ORS 279C.540 unless a claim for payment is filed with the contractor within 90 days from the completion of the contract, providing the contractor has:

(1) Caused a circular clearly printed in boldfaced 12-point type and containing a copy of this section to be posted in a prominent place alongside the door of the timekeeper's office or in a similar place that is readily available and freely visible to workers employed on the work.

(2) Maintained the circular continuously posted from the inception to the completion of the contract on which workers are or have been employed. [2003 c.794 §145]

[no Port rule]

Retainage and Payments

279C.550 "Retainage" defined. As used in ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570, "retainage" means the difference between the amount earned by a contractor on a public improvement contract and the amount paid on the contract by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §146; 2005 c.103 §32]

[no Port rule]

279C.555 Withholding of retainage. The withholding of retainage by a contractor or subcontractor on public improvement contracts shall be in accordance with ORS 701.420. [2003 c.794 §147; 2013 c.410 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.560 Form of retainage; procedures for holding and payment. (1) (a) A contractor may submit and a contracting agency shall accept from a contractor in lieu of withholding moneys for all or a portion of the retainage required under a public contract:

(A) Bonds, securities or other instruments of a character described in subsection (6) of this section that are deposited as provided in subsection (4) of this section; or

(B) A surety bond deposited as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

(b) A surety bond that a contractor submits under this section must be executed by a surety bonding company that is authorized to transact surety business in this state and may not be a surety obligation of an individual.

(c) A contracting agency may reject bonds, securities or other instruments that a contractor submits under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection or a surety bond that the contractor submits under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection only if the contracting agency first finds in writing good cause for the rejection that is based on unique project circumstances.

(2) A contracting agency that holds moneys as retainage under ORS 279C.570 (7) shall:

(a) Hold the moneys in a fund and pay the moneys to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570; or

(b) At the election of the contractor, pay the moneys to the contractor in accordance with subsection (4) or (5) of this section and in a manner authorized by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(3)(a) If a contracting agency incurs additional costs as a result of the contractor's exercise of an option described in subsection (1), (4) or (5) of this section, the contracting agency may recover the additional costs from the contractor by reducing the final payment. As work on the contract progresses, the contracting agency shall, upon demand, inform the contractor of all accrued costs.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section, a contractor shall bear additional costs that arise from the contractor's exercise of an option described in subsection (1), (4) or (5) of this section that the contractor incurs after the date on which the contractor submits a bid or proposal to the contracting agency. These costs are not reimbursable project costs and the contracting agency is not responsible for paying these costs.

(4) A contractor may deposit bonds, securities or other instruments with a contracting agency or in a bank or other financial institution for the contracting agency to hold for the contracting agency's benefit in lieu of moneys held as retainage. If a contractor submits bonds, securities or other instruments as provided in this subsection, the contracting agency shall reduce the moneys held as retainage in an amount equal to the value of the bonds, securities and other instruments and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570. Interest or earnings on the bonds, securities or other instruments accrue to the contractor.

(5) If the contractor elects, the contracting agency shall deposit the retainage, as the retainage accumulates, in an interest-bearing account in a bank or other financial institution for the benefit of the contracting agency. If the contracting agency is a state contracting agency, the account must be established through the State Treasurer. Earnings on the account accrue to the contractor.

(6) Bonds, securities and other instruments deposited or acquired in lieu of retainage, as permitted by this section, must be of a character approved by the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, including but not limited to:

- (a) Bills, certificates, notes or bonds of the United States.
- (b) Other obligations of the United States or agencies of the United States.
- (c) Obligations of a corporation wholly owned by the federal government.
- (d) Indebtedness of the Federal National Mortgage Association.
- (e) General obligation bonds of the State of Oregon or a political subdivision of the State of Oregon.

(f) Irrevocable letters of credit issued by an insured institution, as defined in ORS 706.008.

(7) A contractor may deposit a surety bond for all or any portion of the amount of funds retained, or to be retained, by the contracting agency in substantially the form specified in ORS 701.435(4). The surety bond and any proceeds of the surety bond must be made subject to all claims and liens and in the same manner and priority specified for retainage under ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570 and 279C.600 to 279C.625. The contracting agency shall reduce the moneys the contracting agency holds as retainage in an amount equal to the value of the surety bond and pay the amount of the reduction to the contractor in accordance with ORS 279C.570.

(8)(a) When a contracting agency accepts a surety bond in lieu of retainage from a contractor under this section, the contractor shall accept surety bonds from subcontractors or suppliers from which the contractor has withheld retainage. At any time before final payment on a public improvement contract, a subcontractor may submit a surety bond to a contractor and request that the contractor on the public improvement contract submit, in the manner provided in subsection (7) of this section, a surety bond to the contracting agency for the portion of the contractor's retainage that pertains to the subcontractor. The surety bond the subcontractor provides to the contractor must meet the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section. When a contractor at a subcontractor's request obtains and submits to the contracting agency a surety bond under this subsection, the contractor may withhold from payments to the subcontractor an amount equivalent to the portion of the contractor's surety bond premium for which the subcontractor is responsible.

(b) Within 30 days after a subcontractor's request under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contractor shall provide, and the contracting agency shall accept, a surety bond that meets the requirements set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section unless:

(A) The contracting agency finds good cause in writing to reject the surety bond based on unique project circumstances;

(B) The surety bond is not commercially available; or

(C) The subcontractor refuses to pay to the contractor the subcontractor's portion of the surety bond premium or refuses to provide the contractor with a surety bond that meets the requirements of subsection (1)(b) of this section.

(c) A surety bond the subcontractor submits under this subsection, and any proceeds from the surety bond, must be made subject to all claims and liens and in the same manner and priority specified for retainage under ORS 279C.550 to 279C.570 and 279C.600 to 279C.625.

(d) A contracting agency shall, within 30 days after receiving a surety bond under this subsection, release to the contractor an amount the contracting agency holds as retainage that is equivalent to the amount the contractor submitted as a surety bond.

(e) A contractor must, within 30 days after receiving a surety bond from a subcontractor or supplier, release to the subcontractor or supplier the amount the contractor holds as retainage that is equivalent to the amount the subcontractor or supplier submitted as the surety bond.

(9) A surety bond under this section must be in substantially the form specified in ORS 701.435 (4). [2003 c.794 §148; 2009 c.568 §1; 2024 (HB 4006)]

[no Port rule]

279C.565 Limitation on retainage requirements. Unless otherwise specifically included by statute, the provisions of ORS 279C.560 or 279C.625 apply only as between the contracting agency or public body and the party with whom it contracts. [2003 c.794 §149]

[no Port rule]

279C.570 Prompt payment policy; progress payments; retainage; interest; exception; settlement of compensation disputes. (1) The policy of the State of Oregon is that all payments due on a public improvement contract and owed by a contracting agency must be paid promptly. No contracting agency is exempt from the provisions of this section.

(2) Contracting agencies shall make progress payments on the contract monthly as work progresses on a public improvement contract. Payments shall be based upon estimates of work completed that are approved by the contracting agency. A progress payment is not considered acceptance or approval of any work or waiver of any defects therein. The contracting agency shall pay to the contractor interest on the progress payment, not including retainage, due the contractor. The interest shall commence 30 days after receipt of the invoice from the contractor or 15 days after the payment is approved by the contracting agency, whichever is the earlier date. The rate of interest charged to the contracting agency on the amount due shall equal three times the discount rate on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district that includes Oregon on the date that is 30 days after receipt of the invoice from the contractor or 15 days after the payment is approved by the contracting agency, whichever is the earlier date, but the rate of interest may not exceed 30 percent.

(3) Interest shall be paid automatically when payments become overdue. The contracting agency shall document, calculate and pay any interest due when payment is made on the principal. Interest payments shall accompany payment of net due on public improvement contracts. The

contracting agency may not require the contractor to petition, invoice, bill or wait additional days to receive interest due.

(4) If an invoice is filled out incorrectly, if there is any defect or impropriety in any submitted invoice or if there is a good faith dispute, the contracting agency shall so notify the contractor within 15 days stating the reason or reasons the invoice is defective or improper or the reasons for the dispute. A defective or improper invoice, if corrected by the contractor within seven days of being notified by the contracting agency, may not cause a payment to be made later than specified in this section unless interest is also paid.

(5) If requested in writing by a first-tier subcontractor, the contractor, within 10 days after receiving the request, shall send to the first-tier subcontractor a copy of that portion of any invoice, request for payment submitted to the contracting agency or pay document provided by the contracting agency to the contractor specifically related to any labor or materials supplied by the first-tier subcontractor.

(6) Payment of interest may be postponed when payment on the principal is delayed because of disagreement between the contracting agency and the contractor. Whenever a contractor brings formal administrative or judicial action to collect interest due under this section, the prevailing party is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney fees.

(7) A contracting agency may reserve as retainage from any progress payment on a public improvement contract an amount not to exceed five percent of the payment. As work progresses, a contracting agency may reduce the amount of the retainage and the contracting agency may eliminate retainage on any remaining monthly contract payments after 50 percent of the work under the contract is completed if, in the contracting agency's opinion, such work is progressing satisfactorily. Elimination or reduction of retainage shall be allowed only upon written application by the contractor, and the application shall include written approval of the contractor's surety. However, when the contract work is 97.5 percent completed the contracting agency may, at the contracting agency's discretion and without application by the contractor, reduce the retained amount to 100 percent of the value of the contract work remaining to be done. Upon receipt of a written application by the contractor, the contracting agency shall respond in writing within a reasonable time.

(8) The retainage held by a contracting agency must be included in and paid to the contractor as part of the final payment of the contract price. The contracting agency shall pay to the contractor interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month on the final payment due the contractor, interest to commence 30 days after the work under the contract has been completed and accepted and to run until the date when the final payment is tendered to the contractor. The contractor shall notify the contracting agency in writing when the contractor considers the work complete and the contracting agency shall, within 15 days after receiving the written notice, either accept the work or notify the contractor of work yet to be performed on the contract. If the contracting agency does not, within the time allowed, notify the contractor of work yet to be performed to fulfill contractual obligations, the interest provided by this subsection shall commence to run 30 days after the end of the 15-day period.

(9)(a) The contracting agency shall pay, upon settlement or judgment in favor of the contractor regarding any dispute as to the compensation due a contractor for work performed under the terms of a public improvement contract, the amount due plus interest at the rate of two times the discount rate, but not to exceed 30 percent, on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district that includes Oregon on the date of the settlement or judgment, and accruing from the later of:

(A) The due date of any progress payment received under the contract for the period in which such work was performed; or

(B) Thirty days after the date on which the claim for the payment under dispute was presented to the contracting agency by the contractor in writing or in accordance with applicable provisions of the contract.

(b) Interest shall be added to and not made a part of the settlement or judgment. [2003 c.794 §150; 2005 c.103 §33; 2019 c.486 §1; 2024 HB 4006]

[no Port rule]

Subcontractors

279C.580 Contractor's relations with subcontractors. (1) A contractor may not request payment from the contracting agency of any amount withheld or retained in accordance with subsection (5) of this section until the contractor has determined and certified to the contracting agency that the subcontractor has determined and certified to the contracting agency that the subcontractor is entitled to the payment.

(2) A dispute between a contractor and first-tier subcontractor relating to the amount or entitlement of a first-tier subcontractor to a payment or a late payment interest penalty under a clause included in the subcontract under subsection (3) or (4) of this section does not constitute a dispute to which the contracting agency is a party. The contracting agency may not be included as a party in any administrative or judicial proceeding involving such a dispute.

(3) Each public improvement contract awarded by a contracting agency must include a clause that requires the contractor to include in each subcontract for property or services the contractor enters into with a first-tier subcontractor, including a material supplier, for the purpose of performing a construction contract:

(a) A payment clause that obligates the contractor to pay the first-tier subcontractor for satisfactory performance under the subcontract within 10 days out of amounts the contracting agency pays to the contractor under the public improvement contract.

(b) A clause that requires the contractor to provide a first-tier subcontractor with a standard form that the first-tier subcontractor may use as an application for payment or as another method by which the subcontractor may claim a payment due from the contractor.

(c) A clause that requires the contractor, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, to use the same form and regular administrative procedures for processing payments during the entire term of the subcontract. A contractor may change the form or the regular administrative procedures the contractor uses for processing payments if the contractor:

(A) Notifies the subcontractor in writing at least 45 days before the date on which the contractor makes the change; and

(B) Includes with the written notice a copy of the new or changed form or a description of the new or changed procedure.

(d) An interest penalty clause that obligates the contractor, if the contractor does not pay the first-tier subcontractor within 30 days after receiving payment from the contracting agency, to pay the first-tier subcontractor an interest penalty on amounts due in each payment the contractor does not make in accordance with the payment clause included in the subcontract under paragraph (a) of this subsection. A contractor or first-tier subcontractor is not obligated to pay an interest penalty if the only reason that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not make payment when payment was due is that the contractor or first-tier subcontractor did not receive payment from the contracting agency or contractor when payment was due. The interest penalty:

(A) Applies to the period that begins on the day after the required payment date and that ends on the date on which the amount due is paid; and

(B) Is computed at the rate specified in ORS 279C.515 (2).

(4) A public improvement contract that the contracting agency awards shall obligate the contractor, in each of the contractor's subcontracts, to require the first-tier subcontractor to include a payment clause and an interest penalty clause that conforms to the standards of subsection (3) of this section in each of the first-tier subcontractor's subcontracts and to require each of the first-tier subcontractor's subcontractors to include such clauses in the first-tier subcontractors' subcontracts with each lower-tier subcontractor or supplier.

(5)(a) The clauses required by subsections (3) and (4) of this section do not impair the right of a contractor or a subcontractor at any tier to negotiate, and to include in the subcontract, provisions that:

(A) Permit the contractor or a subcontractor to retain, in the event of a good faith dispute, an amount not to exceed 150 percent of the amount in dispute from the amount due a subcontractor under the subcontract without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty, in accordance with terms and conditions the parties to the subcontract agree upon, giving such recognition as the parties consider appropriate to the ability of a subcontractor to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond;

(B) Permit the contractor or subcontractor to make a determination that part or all of the subcontractor's request for payment may be withheld in accordance with the subcontract; and

(C) Permit such withholdings without incurring any obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty if:

(i) A notice that conforms to the standards of subsection (8) of this section has been previously furnished to the subcontractor; and

(ii) A copy of any notice a contractor issues under sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph has been furnished to the contracting agency.

(b) As used in this subsection, "good faith dispute" means a documented dispute concerning:

(A) Unsatisfactory job progress.

(B) Defective work not remedied.

(C) Third-party claims filed or reasonable evidence that claims will be filed.

(D) Failure to make timely payments for labor, equipment and materials.

(E) Damage to the contractor or subcontractor.

(F) Reasonable evidence that the subcontract cannot be completed for the unpaid balance of the subcontract sum.

(6) If, after applying to a contracting agency for payment under a public improvement contract but before paying a subcontractor for the subcontractor's performance covered by the application, a contractor discovers that all or a portion of the payment otherwise due the subcontractor is subject to withholding from the subcontractor in accordance with the subcontract, the contractor shall:

(a) Furnish to the subcontractor a notice conforming to the standards of subsection (8) of this section as soon as practicable after ascertaining the cause for the withholding, but before the due date for payment to the subcontractor;

(b) Furnish to the contracting agency, as soon as practicable, a copy of the notice furnished to the subcontractor under paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(c) Reduce the progress payment to the subcontractor by an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under paragraph (a) of this subsection;

(d) Pay the subcontractor as soon as practicable after the correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency;

(e) Make such payment within:

(A) Seven days after correction of the identified subcontract performance deficiency unless the funds for the payment must be recovered from the contracting agency because of a reduction under paragraph (f)(A) of this subsection; or

(B) Seven days after the contractor recovers the funds from the contracting agency;

- (f) Notify the contracting agency upon:
- (A) Reduction of the amount of any subsequent certified application for payment; or
 - (B) Payment to the subcontractor of any withheld amounts of a progress payment, specifying:
 - (i) The amounts of the progress payments withheld under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and
 - (ii) The dates on which the withholding began and ended; and
 - (g) Be obligated to pay to the contracting agency an amount equal to interest on the withheld payments computed in the manner provided in ORS 279C.570 from the 11th day after receiving the withheld amounts from the contracting agency until:
 - (A) The day the identified subcontractor performance deficiency is corrected; or
 - (B) The date that any subsequent payment is reduced under paragraph (f)(A) of this subsection.
- (7)(a) If a contractor, after paying a first-tier subcontractor, receives from a supplier or subcontractor of the first-tier subcontractor a written notice asserting a deficiency in the first-tier subcontractor's performance under the public improvement contract for which the contractor may be ultimately liable and the contractor determines that all or a portion of future payments otherwise due the first-tier subcontractor is subject to withholding in accordance with the subcontract, the contractor may, without incurring an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty under subsection (6)(e) of this section:
- (A) Furnish to the first-tier subcontractor a notice that conforms to the standards of subsection (8) of this section as soon as practicable after making the determination; and
 - (B) Withhold from the first-tier subcontractor's next available progress payment or payments an amount not to exceed the amount specified in the notice of withholding furnished under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
- (b) As soon as practicable, but not later than 10 days after receiving satisfactory written notice that the identified subcontract performance deficiency has been corrected, the contractor shall pay the amount withheld under paragraph (a)(B) of this subsection to the first-tier subcontractor, or shall incur an obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty to the first-tier subcontractor computed at the rate specified in ORS 279C.570.
- (8) A written notice of any withholding must be issued to a subcontractor, with a copy to the contracting agency, that specifies:
- (a) The amount to be withheld;
 - (b) The specified causes for the withholding under the terms of the subcontract; and
 - (c) The remedial actions the subcontractor must take in order to receive payment of the amounts withheld.
- (9) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, this section does not limit or impair any contractual, administrative or judicial remedies otherwise available to a contractor or a subcontractor in the event of a dispute involving a contractor's late payment or nonpayment or a subcontractor's deficient performance or nonperformance.
- (10) A contractor's obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty to a subcontractor under the clause included in a subcontract under subsection (3) or (4) of this section is not an obligation of the contracting agency. A contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement of a late payment interest penalty. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement of a late payment interest penalty. [2003 c.794 §151; 2005 c.103 §34; 2012 c.4 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.585 Authority to substitute undisclosed first-tier subcontractor; circumstances; rules. A contractor whose bid is accepted may substitute a first-tier subcontractor that was not disclosed under ORS 279C.370 by submitting the name of the new subcontractor and the reason for the substitution in writing to the contracting agency. A contractor may substitute a first-tier subcontractor under this section in the following circumstances:

(1) When the subcontractor disclosed under ORS 279C.370 fails or refuses to execute a written contract after having had a reasonable opportunity to do so after the written contract, which must be reasonably based upon the general terms, conditions, plans and specifications for the public improvement project or the terms of the subcontractor's written bid, is presented to the subcontractor by the contractor.

(2) When the disclosed subcontractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent.

(3) When the disclosed subcontractor fails or refuses to perform the subcontract.

(4) When the disclosed subcontractor fails or refuses to meet the bond requirements of the contractor that had been identified prior to the bid submittal.

(5) When the contractor demonstrates to the contracting agency that the subcontractor was disclosed as the result of an inadvertent clerical error.

(6) When the disclosed subcontractor does not hold a license from, or has a license that is not properly endorsed by, the Construction Contractors Board and is required to be licensed by the board.

(7) When the contractor determines that the work performed by the disclosed subcontractor is substantially unsatisfactory and not in substantial accordance with the plans and specifications or that the subcontractor is substantially delaying or disrupting the progress of the work.

(8) When the disclosed subcontractor is ineligible to work on a public improvement contract under applicable statutory provisions.

(9) When the substitution is for good cause. The Construction Contractors Board shall define "good cause" by rule. "Good cause" includes but is not limited to the financial instability of a subcontractor. The definition of "good cause" must reflect the least-cost policy for public improvements established in ORS 279C.305.

(10) When the substitution is reasonably based on the contract alternates chosen by the contracting agency. [2003 c.794 §152; 2007 c.836 §45]

[no Port rule]

279C.590 Complaint process for substitutions of subcontractors; civil penalties. (1)(a) A subcontractor disclosed under ORS 279C.370 may file a complaint based on the subcontractor disclosure requirements under ORS 279C.370 with the Construction Contractors Board about a contractor if the contractor has substituted another subcontractor for the complaining subcontractor.

(b) If more than one subcontractor files a complaint with the board under paragraph (a) of this subsection relating to a single subcontractor disclosure, the board shall consolidate the complaints into one proceeding. If the board imposes a civil penalty under this section against a contractor, the amount collected by the board shall be divided evenly among all of the complaining subcontractors.

(c) Each subcontractor filing a complaint under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall post a deposit of \$500 with the board upon filing the complaint.

(d) If the board determines that a contractor's substitution was not in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board shall return the full amount of the deposit posted under paragraph (c) of this subsection to the complaining subcontractor.

(e) If the board determines that a contractor has not substituted a subcontractor or that the contractor's substitution was in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board shall award the contractor \$250 of the deposit and shall retain the other \$250, which may be expended by the board.

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall investigate the complaint. If the board determines that a contractor has substituted a subcontractor in a manner not in compliance with ORS 279C.585, the board may impose a civil penalty against the contractor under subsections (3) to (5) of this section. Civil penalties under this section shall be imposed in the manner provided under ORS 183.745.

(3) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and it is the first time the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor during a three-year period, the board shall:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(4) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and it is the second time the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor during a three-year period, the board may:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000 and shall place the contractor on the list established under ORS 701.227 for up to six months. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(5) If the board imposes a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section and the board has imposed a civil penalty under subsection (2) of this section against the contractor three or more times during a three-year period, the board may:

(a) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to 10 percent of the amount of the subcontract bid submitted by the complaining subcontractor to the contractor or \$15,000, whichever is less. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be awarded to the complaining subcontractor or subcontractors; and

(b) Impose a civil penalty on the contractor of up to \$1,000 and shall place the contractor on the list established under ORS 701.227 for up to one year. Amounts collected by the board under this paragraph shall be retained by the board and may be expended by the board.

(6) Within 10 working days after receiving a complaint under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall notify, in writing, any contracting agency that is a party to the contract for which the complaint has been filed that the complaint has been filed. [2003 c.794 §153]

[no Port rule]

Action on Payment Bonds and Public Works Bonds

279C.600 Right of action on payment bond or public works bond of contractor or subcontractor; notice of claim. (1) A person claiming to have supplied labor or materials for the performance of the work provided for in a public contract, including any person having a direct contractual relationship with the contractor furnishing the payment bond or a direct contractual relationship with any subcontractor, or an assignee of such person, or a person claiming moneys due the State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund or the Department of Revenue in connection with the performance of the contract, has a right of action on the contractor's payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400 only if:

(a) The person or the assignee of the person has not been paid in full; and

(b) The person gives written notice of claim, as prescribed in ORS 279C.605, to the contractor and the contracting agency.

(2) When, upon investigation, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries has received information indicating that one or more workers providing labor on a public works have not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage or overtime wages, the commissioner has a right of action first on the contractor's public works bond required under ORS 279C.836 and then, for any amount of a claim not satisfied by the public works bond, on the contractor's payment bond, as provided in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400. When an investigation indicates that a subcontractor's workers have not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage or overtime wages, the commissioner has a right of action first on the subcontractor's public works bond and then, for any amount of a claim not satisfied by the subcontractor's public works bond, on the contractor's payment bond. The commissioner's right of action exists without necessity of an assignment and extends to workers on the project who are not identified when the written notice of claim is given, but for whom the commissioner has received information indicating that the workers have provided labor on the public works and have not been paid in full. The commissioner shall give written notice of the claim, as prescribed in ORS 279C.605, to the contracting agency, the Construction Contractors Board, the contractor and, if applicable, the subcontractor. The commissioner may not make a claim for the same unpaid wages against more than one bond under this section. [2003 c.794 §154; 2005 c.360 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.605 Notice of claim. (1) The notice of claim required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent by registered or certified mail or hand delivered no later than 180 days after the day the person last provided labor or furnished materials or 180 days after the worker listed in the notice of claim by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries last provided labor. The notice may be sent or delivered to the contractor or subcontractor at any place the contractor or subcontractor maintains an office or conducts business or at the residence of the contractor or subcontractor.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, if the claim is for a required contribution to a fund of an employee benefit plan, the notice required by ORS 279C.600 must be sent or delivered within 200 days after the employee last provided labor or materials.

(3) The notice must be in writing substantially as follows:

To (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor and the name of the public body):

Notice hereby is given that the undersigned (here insert the name of the claimant) has a claim for (here insert a brief description of the labor or materials performed or furnished and the person by whom performed or furnished; if the claim is for other than labor or materials, insert a brief description of the claim) in the sum of (here insert the amount) dollars against the (here insert public works bond or payment bond, as applicable) taken from (here insert the name of the principal and, if known, the surety or sureties upon the public works bond or payment bond) for the work of (here insert a brief description of the work concerning which the public works bond or payment bond was taken). Such material or labor was supplied to (here insert the name of the contractor or subcontractor).

(here to be signed)

(4) When notice of claim is given by the commissioner and if the claim includes a worker who is then unidentified, the commissioner shall include in the notice a statement that the claim includes an unidentified worker for whom the commissioner has received information indicating that the worker has not been paid in full at the prevailing rate of wage required by ORS 279C.840 or overtime wages required by ORS 279C.540.

(5) The person making the claim or giving the notice shall sign the notice. [2003 c.794 §155; 2005 c.360 §4; 2009 c.160 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.610 Action on contractor’s public works bond or payment bond; time limitation.

(1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or a person who has a right of action on the public works bond or the payment bond under ORS 279C.600 and, where required, who has filed and served the notice or notices of claim, as required under ORS 279C.600 and 279C.605, or that person’s assignee, may institute an action on the contractor’s public works bond or payment bond in a circuit court of this state or the federal district court of the district.

(2) The action shall be on the relation of the commissioner, the claimant, or that person’s assignee, as the case may be, and shall be in the name of the contracting agency that let the contract or, when applicable, the public agency or agencies for whose benefit the contract was let. It may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution for the use and benefit of the commissioner or the claimant, or that person’s assignee, as the fact may appear.

(3) The action shall be instituted no later than two years after the person last provided labor or materials or two years after the worker listed in the commissioner’s notice of claim last provided labor. [2003 c.794 §156; 2005 c.360 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.615 Preference for labor and material liens. All labor and material liens have preference and are superior to all other liens and claims of any kind or nature created by ORS 279C.500 to 279C.530 and 279C.600 to 279C.625. [2003 c.794 §157]

[no Port rule]

279C.620 Rights of person providing medical care to employees of contractor. A person providing medical, surgical or hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to the employees of a contractor or subcontractor on a public contract is deemed to have performed labor on the public contract for the purposes of ORS 279C.600 to 279C.625. [2003 c.794 §158]

[no Port rule]

279C.625 Joint liability when payment bond not executed. If the public improvement contract is one for which a payment bond as provided for in ORS 279C.380 and 279C.400 is required and the contractor fails to pay for labor or materials or to pay claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund or the Department of Revenue and the officers of the public body that authorized the contract fail or neglect to require the person entering into the contract to execute the payment bond:

(1) The State of Oregon and the officers authorizing the contract shall be jointly liable for the labor and materials used in the performance of any work under the contract, and for claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and the Department of Revenue, if the contract was entered into with the State of Oregon.

(2) The public body and the officers authorizing the contract shall be jointly liable for the labor and materials used in the performance of any work under the contract and for claims due the Industrial Accident Fund, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and the Department of Revenue, if the contract was entered into on behalf of a public body other than the state. [2003 c.794 §159; 2005 c.103 §35]

[no Port rule]

Termination or Suspension of Contract for Public Interest Reasons

279C.650 “Labor dispute” defined. As used in ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670, “labor dispute” has the meaning given that term in ORS 662.010. [2003 c.794 §160]

[no Port rule]

279C.655 Extension and compensation when work suspended. If a public contract is not terminated but work under the contract is suspended by an order of a contracting agency for any reason considered to be in the public interest other than a labor dispute or any third-party judicial proceeding relating to the work other than a suit or action filed in regards to a labor dispute, the contractor is entitled to a reasonable extension of the contract time and reasonable compensation for all costs resulting from the suspension plus a reasonable allowance for overhead with respect to such costs. [2003 c.794 §161]

[no Port rule]

279C.660 Compensation when contract terminated due to public interest. When a public contract is terminated by mutual agreement, provision shall be made for the payment of compensation to the contractor. In addition to a reasonable amount of compensation for preparatory work and for all costs and expenses arising out of termination, the amount to be paid to the contractor:

(1) Shall be determined on the basis of the contract price in the case of any fully completed separate item or portion of the work for which there is a separate or unit contract price; and

(2) May, with respect to any other work, be a percent of the contract price equal to the percentage of the work completed. [2003 c.794 §162]

[no Port rule]

279C.665 Contractual provisions for compensation when contract terminated due to public interest. A contracting agency may provide in a public improvement contract detailed provisions under which the contractor shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to compensation upon termination of the contract on account of any reason considered to be in the public interest. [2003 c.794 §163]

[no Port rule]

279C.670 Application of ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670. ORS 279C.650 to 279C.670 do not apply to suspension of the work or termination of the contract that occurs as a result of the contractor's violation of federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations in existence at the time the contract was executed or as a result of violations of the terms of the contract. [2003 c.794 §164]

[no Port rule]

Prevailing Wage Rate

279C.800 Definitions for ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. As used in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870:

(1) "Fringe benefits" means:

(a) Contributions that a contractor or subcontractor makes irrevocably to a trustee or to a third person under a plan, fund or program; and

(b) Costs that a contractor or subcontractor may reasonably be anticipated to incur in providing the following items, except for items that federal, state or local law requires the contractor or subcontractor to provide:

(A) Benefits to workers pursuant to an enforceable written commitment to the workers to carry out a financially responsible plan or program for:

(i) Medical or hospital care;

(ii) Pensions on retirement or death; or

(iii) Compensation for injuries or illness that result from occupational activity;

(B) Insurance to provide the benefits described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

(C) Unemployment benefits;

(D) Life insurance;

(E) Disability and sickness insurance or accident insurance;

(F) Vacation and holiday pay;

(G) Costs of apprenticeship or other similar programs; or

(H) Other bona fide fringe benefits.

(2) "Housing" has the meaning given that term in ORS 456.055.

(3) "Locality" means the following district in which the public works, or the major portion of the public works, is to be performed:

(a) District 1, composed of Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook Counties;

- (b) District 2, composed of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties;
- (c) District 3, composed of Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties;
- (d) District 4, composed of Benton, Lincoln and Linn Counties;
- (e) District 5, composed of Lane County;
- (f) District 6, composed of Douglas County;
- (g) District 7, composed of Coos and Curry Counties;
- (h) District 8, composed of Jackson and Josephine Counties;
- (i) District 9, composed of Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties;
- (j) District 10, composed of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties;
- (k) District 11, composed of Klamath and Lake Counties;
- (L) District 12, composed of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler Counties;
- (m) District 13, composed of Baker, Union and Wallowa Counties; and
- (n) District 14, composed of Harney and Malheur Counties.

(4) “Prevailing rate of wage” means the rate of wage, including all fringe benefits, that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries determines in accordance with ORS 279C.815.

(5) “Public agency” means the State of Oregon or a political subdivision of the State of Oregon, or a county, city, district, authority, public corporation or public entity organized and existing under law or charter or an instrumentality of the county, city, district, authority, public corporation or public entity.

(6)(a) “Public works” includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Roads, highways, buildings, structures and improvements of all types for which a public agency contracts or carries on construction, reconstruction, major renovation, demolition, removal of hazardous waste or painting to serve the public interest;

(B) A project that uses \$750,000 or more of funds of a public agency for constructing, reconstructing, painting, demolishing, removing hazardous waste from, or performing a major renovation on, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type;

(C) A project that uses funds of a private entity for constructing a privately owned road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type in which a public agency will use or occupy 25 percent or more of the square footage of the completed project;

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 279C.810 (2)(a), (b) and (c), a device, structure or mechanism, or a combination of devices, structures or mechanisms, that:

(i) Uses solar radiation as a source for generating heat, cooling or electrical energy; and

(ii) Is constructed or installed, with or without using funds of a public agency, on land, premises, structures or buildings that a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, owns;

(E) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)(A) of this subsection and ORS 279C.810 (2)(b) and (c), construction, reconstruction, painting, demolition, removal of hazardous waste from, or major renovation of, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type that occurs, with or without using funds of a public agency, on real property that a public university listed in ORS 352.002 owns; or

(F) Demolition of, or removal of hazardous waste from, a road, highway, building, structure or improvement of any type that uses \$750,000 or more in funds of a public agency, or that occurs on real property that a state agency owns, but that does not involve constructing, reconstructing, renovating or painting a road, highway, building, structure or improvement.

(b) “Public works” does not include:

(A) Reconstructing or renovating privately owned property that a public agency leases; or

(B) A private nonprofit entity’s renovation of publicly owned real property that is more than 75 years old if:

(i) The real property is leased to the private nonprofit entity for more than 25 years;

(ii) Funds of a public agency used in the renovation do not exceed 15 percent of the total cost of the renovation; and

(iii) Contracts for the renovation were advertised or, if not advertised, were entered into before July 1, 2003, but the renovation has not been completed on or before July 13, 2007. [2003 c.794 §165; 2007 c.764 §34; 2010 c.45 §1; 2013 c.203 §1; 2015 c.482 §1; 2015 c.767 §81; 2021 c.104 §1; 2023 c.137 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.805 Policy. The Legislative Assembly declares that the purposes of the prevailing rate of wage law are:

(1) To ensure that contractors compete on the ability to perform work competently and efficiently while maintaining community-established compensation standards.

(2) To recognize that local participation in publicly financed construction and family wage income and benefits are essential to the protection of community standards.

(3) To encourage training and education of workers to industry skills standards.

(4) To encourage employers to use funds allocated for employee fringe benefits for the actual purchase of those benefits. [2003 c.794 §166]

[no Port rule]

279C.807 Workforce diversity for public works projects. * * * [2007 c.844 §9]

[no Port rule]

279C.808 Rules. In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall adopt rules necessary to administer ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. [2007 c.764 §45]

[no Port rule]

279C.810 Exemptions; rules. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Funds of a public agency” does not include:

(A) Funds provided in the form of a government grant to a nonprofit organization, unless the government grant is issued for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, major renovation or painting;

(B) Building and development permit fees paid or waived by the public agency;

(C) Tax credits or tax abatements;

(D) Land that a public agency sells to a private entity at fair market value;

(E) The difference between:

(i) The value of land that a public agency sells to a private entity as determined at the time of the sale after taking into account any plan, requirement, covenant, condition, restriction or other limitation, exclusive of zoning or land use regulations, that the public agency imposes on the development or use of the land; and

(ii) The fair market value of the land if the land is not subject to the limitations described in sub-subparagraph (i) of this subparagraph;

(F) Staff resources of the public agency used to manage a project or to provide a principal source of supervision, coordination or oversight of a project;

(G) Staff resources of the public agency used to design or inspect one or more components of a project;

(H) Moneys derived from the sale of bonds that are loaned by a state agency to a private entity, unless the moneys will be used for a public improvement;

(I) Value added to land as a consequence of a public agency's site preparation, demolition of real property or remediation or removal of environmental contamination, except for value added in excess of the expenses the public agency incurred in the site preparation, demolition or remediation or removal when the land is sold for use in a project otherwise subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870; or

(J) Bonds, or loans from the proceeds of bonds, issued in accordance with ORS chapter 289 or ORS 441.525 to 441.595, unless the bonds or loans will be used for a public improvement.

(b) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization or group of organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(2) ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 do not apply to:

(a) Projects for which the contract price does not exceed \$50,000. In determining the price of a project, a public agency:

(A) May not include the value of donated materials or work performed on the project by individuals volunteering to the public agency without pay; and

(B) Shall include the value of work performed by every person paid by a contractor or subcontractor in any manner for the person's work on the project.

(b) Projects for which no funds of a public agency are directly or indirectly used. In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

(c) Projects:

(A) That are privately owned;

(B) That use funds of a private entity;

(C) In which less than 25 percent of the square footage of a completed project will be occupied or used by a public agency; and

(D) For which less than \$750,000 of funds of a public agency are used.

(d) Projects for residential construction that are privately owned and that predominantly provide affordable housing. As used in this paragraph:

(A) "Affordable housing" means housing that serves occupants whose incomes are no greater than 60 percent of the area median income or, if the occupants are owners, whose incomes are no greater than 80 percent of the area median income.

(B) "Predominantly" means 60 percent or more.

(C) "Privately owned" includes:

(i) Affordable housing provided on real property owned by a public agency if the real property and related structures are leased to a private entity for 50 or more years; and

(ii) Affordable housing owned by a partnership, nonprofit corporation or limited liability company in which a housing authority, as defined in ORS 456.005, is a general partner, director or managing member and the housing authority is not a majority owner in the partnership, nonprofit corporation or limited liability company.

(D) "Residential construction" includes the construction, reconstruction, major renovation or painting of single-family houses or apartment buildings not more than four stories in height and all incidental items, such as site work, parking areas, utilities, streets and sidewalks, pursuant to the United States Department of Labor's "All Agency Memorandum No. 130: Application of the Standard of Comparison "Projects of a Character Similar" Under Davis-Bacon and Related Acts," dated March 17, 1978. However, the commissioner may consider different definitions of

residential construction in determining whether a project is a residential construction project for purposes of this paragraph, including definitions that:

- (i) Exist in local ordinances or codes; or
- (ii) Differ, in the prevailing practice of a particular trade or occupation, from the United States Department of Labor’s description of residential construction. [2003 c.794 §172; 2005 c.153 §1; 2005 c.360 §8; 2007 c.764 §35]

[no Port rule]

279C.815 Determination of prevailing wage; sources of information; comparison of state and federal prevailing wage; other powers of commissioner. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Electrical worker” means an electrician, inside wireman, cable splicer, electrical welder, electrical material handler, lighting maintenance worker or limited energy electrician.

(b) “Person” means an employer, a labor organization or an official representative of an employee or employer association.

(2)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries at least once each year shall determine in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection the prevailing rate of wage for workers in each trade or occupation in each locality described in ORS 279C.800 and shall make this information available at least twice each year. The commissioner may amend the rate at any time.

(b)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the prevailing rate of wage for a trade or occupation in a locality is the rate of wage set forth in the collective bargaining agreement for the trade or occupation in the locality or, if more than one collective bargaining agreement covers a trade or occupation in the locality, the highest rate of wage among the collective bargaining agreements for the trade or occupation in the locality.

(B) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.800 (3), for the purpose of specifying a prevailing rate of wage for electrical workers in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the applicable locality is the geographical area within which each local union is the exclusive representative for the local union’s membership, and the applicable collective bargaining agreement is the collective bargaining agreement to which the local union is a party.

(c) If a collective bargaining agreement does not exist for a trade or occupation in a locality, the commissioner shall determine the prevailing rate of wage by conducting an independent wage survey in the locality. The commissioner may also consider additional information such as other independent wage surveys and the prevailing rates of wage determined by appropriate federal agencies or agencies of adjoining states. If a wage survey under this paragraph does not show that a majority in the same trade or occupation is paid at the same rate, the average rate of hourly wage, including all fringe benefits, paid in the locality to workers in the same trade or occupation is the prevailing rate. If the wage a contractor or subcontractor pays to workers on a public works is based on a period of time other than an hour, the hourly wage must be mathematically determined by the number of hours worked in that period of time.

(3) A person shall make reports and returns to the Bureau of Labor and Industries that the commissioner requires to determine the prevailing rates of wage, using forms the bureau provides and within the time the commissioner prescribes. The person or an authorized representative of the person shall certify to the accuracy of the reports and returns.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, reports and returns or other information provided to the commissioner under this section are confidential and not available for inspection by the public.

(5) The commissioner may enter into a contract with a public or private party to obtain data and information the commissioner needs to determine the prevailing rate of wage. The contract

may provide for the manner and extent of the review of affected trades and occupations and for other requirements regarding timelines of reports, accuracy of data and information and supervision and review as the commissioner prescribes. [2003 c.794 §173; 2005 c.360 §9; 2007 c.764 §36; 2007 c.844 §3; 2011 c.265 §1; 2021 c.104 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.817 Determination of applicability of prevailing wage rate; time limitation; hearing; rules. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall, upon the request of a public agency or other interested person, make a determination about whether a project or proposed project is or would be a public works on which payment of the prevailing rate of wage is or would be required under ORS 279C.840.

(2) The requester shall provide the commissioner with information necessary to enable the commissioner to make the determination.

(3) The commissioner shall make the determination within 60 days after receiving the request or 60 days after the requester has provided the commissioner with the information necessary to enable the commissioner to make the determination, whichever is later. The commissioner may take additional time to make the determination if the commissioner and the requester mutually agree that the commissioner may do so.

(4) The commissioner shall afford the requester or a person adversely affected or aggrieved by the commissioner's determination a hearing in accordance with ORS 183.413 to 183.470. An order the commissioner issues under ORS 183.413 to 183.470 is subject to judicial review as provided in ORS 183.482.

(5) The commissioner shall adopt rules establishing the process for requesting and making the determinations described in this section. [2007 c.764 §43]

Port Rule C.817 Requests for Determination of Applicability of Prevailing Wage Rate

All requests for a determination of the applicability of the prevailing wage rate under ORS 279C.817(1) will be made by the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that a request is appropriate. In determining the appropriateness of a request, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement may require the preparation of written findings describing the matter.

279C.820 Advisory committee to assist commissioner. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall appoint an advisory committee to assist the commissioner in the administration of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(2) The advisory committee must include equal representation of members from management and labor in the building and construction industry who perform work on public works contracts and such other interested parties as the commissioner shall appoint. [2003 c.794 §179]

[no Port rule]

279C.825 Fees; rules. (1)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, by order, shall establish a fee to be paid by the public agency that awards a public works contract subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. The commissioner shall use the fee to pay the costs of:

(A) Surveys to determine the prevailing rates of wage;

(B) Administering and providing investigations under and enforcement of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870; and

(C) Providing educational programs on public contracting law under the Public Contracting Code.

(b) The commissioner shall establish the fee at 0.1 percent of the contract price. However, in no event may a fee be charged and collected that is less than \$250 or more than \$7,500.

(2) The commissioner shall pay moneys received under this section into the State Treasury. The moneys shall be credited to the Prevailing Wage Education and Enforcement Account created by ORS 651.185.

(3) The public agency shall pay the fee at the time the public agency notifies the commissioner under ORS 279C.835 a contract subject to the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 has been awarded. [2003 c.794 §178; 2007 c.844 §7; 2009 c.161 §1; 2009 c.788 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.827 Division of public works project; applicability of prevailing wage rate to divided projects. (1)(a) A person or public agency may not divide a public works project into more than one contract for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(b) If the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries determines that a person or public agency has divided a public works project into more than one contract for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the commissioner shall issue an order compelling compliance.

(c) In making determinations under this subsection, the commissioner shall consider:

(A) The physical separation of the project structures;

(B) The timing of the work on project phases or structures;

(C) The continuity of project contractors and subcontractors working on project parts or phases;

(D) The manner in which the public agency and the contractors administer and implement the project;

(E) Whether a single public works project includes several types of improvements or structures; and

(F) Whether the combined improvements or structures have an overall purpose or function.

(2)(a) The commissioner may apply the considerations set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section to determine whether to divide a public works project into more than one contract, regardless of whether the commissioner believes that a person or public agency divided the public works project for the purpose of avoiding compliance with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(b) If a project is a public works project of the type described in ORS 279C.800 (6)(a)(B) or (C), the commissioner shall divide the project, if appropriate, after applying the considerations set forth in subsection (1)(c) of this section to separate the parts of the project that include funds of a public agency or that will be occupied or used by a public agency from the parts of the project that do not include funds of a public agency and that will not be occupied or used by a public agency. If the commissioner divides the project, any part of the project that does not include funds of a public agency and that will not be occupied or used by a public agency is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(3) If a project includes parts that are owned by a public agency and parts that are owned by a private entity, the commissioner shall divide the project, if appropriate, after applying the considerations set forth in subsections (1)(c) and (2)(b) of this section to separate the parts of the project that are public works from the parts of the project that are not public works. If the commissioner divides the project, parts of the project that are not public works are not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. [2007 c.764 §44; 2017 c.334 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.829 Agreement with other state to pay less than prevailing rate of wage. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a contracting agency may not enter into an agreement with another state or a political subdivision or agency of another state in which the contracting agency agrees that a contractor or subcontractor may pay less than the prevailing rate of wage determined in accordance with ORS 279C.815 under the terms of a contract for public works to which the contracting agency is a party or of which the contracting agency is a beneficiary. [2009 c.322 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.830 Provisions concerning prevailing rate of wage in specifications, contracts and subcontracts; applicability of prevailing wage; bond. (1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection, the specifications for every contract for public works must state the existing state prevailing rate of wage and, if applicable, the federal prevailing rate of wage required under the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) that must be paid to workers in each trade or occupation that the contractor or subcontractor or other person who is a party to the contract uses in performing all or part of the contract. If the prevailing rates of wage are available electronically or are accessible on the Internet, the specifications may incorporate the rates by referring to the electronically accessible or Internet-accessible rates and by providing adequate information about how to access the rates.

(b) If a public agency under paragraph (a) of this subsection must state the state and federal prevailing rates of wage in the specifications, the public agency shall also require the contractor to pay the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage to all workers on the public works.

(c) Every contract and subcontract must provide that the workers must be paid not less than the specified minimum hourly rate of wage in accordance with ORS 279C.838 and 279C.840.

(d) If a public works project is subject both to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 and to the Davis-Bacon Act, every contract and subcontract must provide that workers on the public works must be paid not less than the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage.

(e) A public works project described in ORS 279C.800 (6)(a)(B) or (C) is subject to the existing state prevailing rate of wage or, if applicable, the federal prevailing rate of wage required under the Davis-Bacon Act that is in effect at the time a public agency enters into an agreement with a private entity for the project. After that time, the specifications for a contract for the public works must state the applicable prevailing rate of wage.

(2)(a) The specifications for a contract for public works must provide that the contractor and every subcontractor must have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless the contractor or subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(b) Every contract that a contracting agency awards must require the contractor to:

(A) Have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless the contractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(B) Require, in every subcontract, that the subcontractor have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the project, unless the subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

(c) Every subcontract that a contractor or subcontractor awards in connection with a public works contract between a contractor and a public agency must require any subcontractor to have a public works bond filed with the Construction Contractors Board before starting work on the public works project, unless the subcontractor is exempt under ORS 279C.836 (4), (7), (8) or (9).

[2003 c.794 §168; 2005 c.360 §10; 2007 c.415 §2; 2007 c.764 §37; 2007 c.844 §4; 2009 c.161 §2; 2011 c.265 §2; 2017 c.334 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.835 Notifying commissioner of public works contract subject to prevailing wage; payment of fee. Public agencies shall notify the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in writing, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, whenever a contract subject to the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 has been awarded. The notification shall be made within 30 days of the date that the contract is awarded. The notification shall include payment of the fee required under ORS 279C.825 and a copy of the disclosure of first-tier subcontractors that was submitted under ORS 279C.370. [2003 c.794 §175; 2009 c.161 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.836 Public works bond; rules. (1) Except as provided in subsection (4), (7), (8) or (9) of this section, before starting work on a contract or subcontract for a public works project, a contractor or subcontractor shall file with the Construction Contractors Board a public works bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in this state in the amount of \$30,000. The bond must provide that the contractor or subcontractor will pay claims ordered by the Bureau of Labor and Industries to workers performing labor upon public works projects. The bond must be a continuing obligation, and the surety's liability for the aggregate of claims that may be payable from the bond may not exceed the penal sum of the bond. The bond must remain in effect continuously until depleted by claims paid under this section, unless the surety sooner cancels the bond. The surety may cancel the bond by giving 30 days' written notice to the contractor or subcontractor, to the board and to the Bureau of Labor and Industries. Canceling the bond relieves the surety of further liability for work performed on contracts entered into after the cancellation. The cancellation does not limit the surety's liability for work performed on contracts entered into before the cancellation.

(2) Before permitting a subcontractor to start work on a public works project, the contractor shall verify that the subcontractor has filed a public works bond as required under this section, has elected not to file a public works bond under subsection (7) or (8) of this section or is exempt under subsection (4) or (9) of this section.

(3) This section does not require a contractor or subcontractor to file a separate public works bond for each public works project for which the contractor or subcontractor has a contract.

(4) This section does not require a person that is not required under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 to pay prevailing rates of wage on a public works project to file a public works bond under this section.

(5) A public works bond required by this section is in addition to any other bond the contractor or subcontractor is required to obtain.

(6) The board may, by rule, require a contractor or subcontractor to obtain a new public works bond if a surety pays a claim out of an existing public works bond. The new bond must be in the amount of \$30,000. The board may allow a contractor or subcontractor to obtain, instead of a new bond, a certification that the surety remains liable for the full penal sum of the existing bond, notwithstanding payment by the surety on the claim.

(7)(a) A disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a veteran-owned business or an emerging small business certified under ORS 200.055 may, for up to four years after certification, elect not to file a public works bond as required under subsection (1) this section. If an enterprise or a business elects not to file a public works bond, the

enterprise or business shall give the board written verification of the certification and written notice that the enterprise or business elects not to file the bond.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries finds that an enterprise or a business has violated a provision of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or an administrative rule adopted under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, the enterprise or business must file a public works bond in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(c) An enterprise or a business that elects not to file a public works bond under this subsection shall notify the public agency for whose benefit the contract was awarded or, if the enterprise or business is a subcontractor, the contractor of the election before starting work on a public works project. If an enterprise or a business elects not to file a public works bond under this subsection, a claim for unpaid wages may be made against the payment bond of the enterprise or business or, if the enterprise or business is a subcontractor, the payment bond of the contractor.

(d) An election not to file a public works bond expires four years after the date the enterprise or business is certified. After an election has expired and before starting or continuing work on a contract or subcontract for a public works project, the enterprise or business shall file a public works bond with the board in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(8) A contractor or subcontractor may elect not to file the public works bond required under subsection (1) of this section for any public works project for which the contract price does not exceed \$100,000.

(9) In cases of emergency, or if the interest or property of the public agency for whose benefit the contract was awarded probably would suffer material injury by delay or other cause, the requirement for filing a public works bond may be excused, if a declaration of the emergency is made in accordance with rules adopted under ORS 279A.065.

(10) The board shall make available on a searchable public website information concerning public works bonds filed with the board, claims made on those bonds, elections made by certified business enterprises not to file those bonds and the expiration date of each election. The board may adopt rules necessary to perform the duties required of the board by this section.

(11) The commissioner, with approval of the board, shall adopt rules that establish language for public works bonds. [2005 c.360 §2; 2007 c.415 §1; 2007 c.764 §38; 2015 c.565 §16; 2017 c.334 §3; 2023 c.497 §16]

[no Port rule]

279C.838 Applicability of state and federal rates of wage; determination of site of project; determination of applicability of wage to transportation workers; waiver. When a public works project is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.):

(1) If the state prevailing rate of wage is higher than the federal prevailing rate of wage, the contractor and every subcontractor on the project shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815;

(2) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall determine the site of the project in a manner consistent with the term “site of the work” as that term is used in federal law and in regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act;

(3) The commissioner shall determine in a manner that is consistent with federal law and regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act whether workers transporting materials and supplies to and from the site of the project are subject to the Davis-Bacon Act and are entitled to be paid the prevailing rate of wage;

(4) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the commissioner, in consultation with the advisory committee appointed under ORS 279C.820, may administer and enforce ORS

279C.800 to 279C.870 in a manner that is consistent with federal law and regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The commissioner may provide a waiver from a requirement set forth in ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 if necessary to achieve consistency with the Davis-Bacon Act and to further the purposes of ORS 279C.805; and

(5) ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 do not apply to workers enrolled in skill training programs that are certified by the United States Secretary of Transportation under the Federal-Aid Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 113(c)). [2005 c.360 §7; 2007 c.844 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.840 Payment of prevailing rate of wage; posting of rates and fringe benefit plan provisions. (1) The hourly rate of wage that a contractor or subcontractor must pay to workers upon all public works may not be less than the prevailing rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality where the labor is performed. A contractor or subcontractor may discharge the obligation to pay the prevailing rate of wage by making the payments in cash, by making contributions of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(a), or by assuming an enforceable commitment to bear the costs of fringe benefits of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(b), or any combination of payments, contributions and assumption of costs, where the aggregate of any such payments, contributions and assumption of costs is not less than the prevailing rate of wage. The contractor or subcontractor shall pay all wages due and owing to the contractor's or subcontractor's workers upon public works on the regular payday established and maintained under ORS 652.120.

(2) After a contract for public works is executed with any contractor or work is commenced upon any public works, a contractor or subcontractor may not subject the amount of the prevailing rate of wage to attack in any legal proceeding in connection with that contract.

(3) It is not a defense in any legal proceeding that the prevailing rate of wage is less than the amount required to be in the specifications of a contract for public works, or that the employee agreed with the employer to work at less than the wage rates required to be paid under this section.

(4) Every contractor or subcontractor engaged on a project for which there is a contract for a public works shall keep the prevailing rates of wage for that project posted in a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the project. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall furnish without charge copies of the prevailing rates of wage to contractors and subcontractors.

(5) Every contractor or subcontractor engaged on a project for which there is a contract for a public works to which the prevailing wage requirements apply that also provides or contributes to a health and welfare plan or a pension plan, or both, for the contractor or subcontractor's employees on the project shall post a notice describing the plan in a conspicuous and accessible place in or about the project. The notice preferably shall be posted in the same place as the notice required under subsection (4) of this section. In addition to the description of the plan, the notice shall contain information on how and where to make claims and where to obtain further information.

(6)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, a person other than the contractor or subcontractor may not pay or contribute any portion of the prevailing rate of wage paid by the contractor or subcontractor to workers employed in the performance of a public works contract.

(b) A contractor or subcontractor violates paragraph (a) of this subsection if a person other than the contractor or subcontractor pays or contributes any portion of the prevailing rate of wage that the contractor or subcontractor owes or pays to workers who perform labor on a public works project or the person assumes an enforceable commitment to bear the costs of fringe benefits of a type described in ORS 279C.800 (1)(b) that the contractor or subcontractor provides.

(c) For the purpose of this subsection, the prevailing rate of wage is the prevailing rate of wage specified in the contract.

(d) This subsection does not prohibit:

(A) Payments to a worker who is enrolled in any government-subsidized training or retraining program; or

(B) A surety or public agency from paying the prevailing rate of wage.

(7) A person may not take any action that circumvents the payment of the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed on a public works contract, including, but not limited to, reducing an employee's regular rate of pay on any project that is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 in a manner that has the effect of offsetting the prevailing rate of wage on a public works project. [2003 c.794 §167; 2009 c.161 §4; 2017 c.334 §4]

[no Port rule]

279C.845 Certified statements regarding payment of prevailing rates of wage; retainage.

(1) The contractor or the contractor's surety and every subcontractor or the subcontractor's surety shall file certified statements with the public agency in writing, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, certifying:

(a) The hourly rate of wage paid each worker whom the contractor or the subcontractor has employed upon the public works; and

(b) That no worker employed upon the public works has been paid less than the prevailing rate of wage or less than the minimum hourly rate of wage specified in the contract.

(2) The certified statement shall be verified by the oath of the contractor or the contractor's surety or subcontractor or the subcontractor's surety that the contractor or subcontractor has read the certified statement, that the contractor or subcontractor knows the contents of the certified statement and that to the contractor or subcontractor's knowledge the certified statement is true.

(3) The certified statements shall set out accurately and completely the contractor's or subcontractor's payroll records, including the name and address of each worker, the worker's correct classification, rate of pay, daily and weekly number of hours worked and the gross wages the worker earned upon the public works during each week identified in the certified statement.

(4) The contractor or subcontractor shall deliver or mail each certified statement required by subsection (1) of this section to the public agency. Certified statements for each week during which the contractor or subcontractor employs a worker upon the public works shall be submitted once a month, by the fifth business day of the following month. Information submitted on certified statements may be used only to ensure compliance with the provisions of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(5) Each contractor or subcontractor shall preserve the certified statements for a period of three years from the date of completion of the contract.

(6) Certified statements received by a public agency are public records subject to the provisions of ORS 192.311 to 192.478.

(7) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.555 or 279C.570 (7), if a contractor is required to file certified statements under this section, the public agency shall retain 25 percent of any amount earned by the contractor on the public works until the contractor has filed with the public agency certified statements as required by this section. The public agency shall pay the contractor the amount retained under this subsection within 14 days after the contractor files the certified statements as required by this section, regardless of whether a subcontractor has failed to file certified statements as required by this section. The public agency is not required to verify the truth of the contents of certified statements filed by the contractor under this section.

(8) Notwithstanding ORS 279C.555, the contractor shall retain 25 percent of any amount earned by a first-tier subcontractor on a public works until the subcontractor has filed with the public agency certified statements as required by this section. The contractor shall verify that the first-tier subcontractor has filed the certified statements before the contractor may pay the subcontractor any amount retained under this subsection. The contractor shall pay the first-tier subcontractor the amount retained under this subsection within 14 days after the subcontractor files the certified statements as required by this section. Neither the public agency nor the contractor is required to verify the truth of the contents of certified statements filed by a first-tier subcontractor under this section. [2003 c.794 §169; 2005 c.360 §11; 2009 c.7 §1]

[no Port rule]

279C.850 Inspection to determine whether prevailing rate of wage being paid; civil action for failure to pay prevailing rate of wage or overtime. (1) At any reasonable time the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may enter the office or business establishment of any contractor or subcontractor performing public works and gather facts and information necessary to determine whether the prevailing rate of wage is actually being paid by such contractor or subcontractor to workers upon public works.

(2) Upon request by the commissioner, every contractor or subcontractor performing work on public works shall make available to the commissioner for inspection during normal business hours any payroll or other records in the possession or under the control of the contractor or subcontractor that are deemed necessary by the commissioner to determine whether the prevailing rate of wage is actually being paid by such contractor or subcontractor to workers upon public works. The commissioner's request must be made a reasonable time in advance of the inspection.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 192.311 to 192.478, any record obtained or made by the commissioner under this section is not open to inspection by the public.

(4) The commissioner may, without necessity of an assignment, initiate legal proceedings against employers to enjoin future failures to pay required prevailing rates of wage or overtime pay and to require the payment of prevailing rates of wage or overtime pay due employees. The commissioner is entitled to recover, in addition to other costs, such sum as the court or judge may determine reasonable as attorney fees. If the commissioner does not prevail in the action, the commissioner shall pay all costs and disbursements from the Bureau of Labor and Industries Account. [2003 c.794 §170]

[no Port rule]

279C.855 Liability for violations. (1) A contractor or subcontractor or contractor's or subcontractor's surety that violates the provisions of ORS 279C.840 is liable to the workers affected in the amount of the workers' unpaid minimum wages, including all fringe benefits, and in an additional amount equal to the unpaid wages as liquidated damages.

(2) Actions to enforce liability to workers under subsection (1) of this section may be brought as actions on contractors' bonds as provided for in ORS 279C.610.

(3) If a public agency fails to provide in the advertisement for bids, the request for bids, the contract specifications, the accepted bid or elsewhere in the contract documents that the contractor and any subcontractor must comply with ORS 279C.840, the liability of the public agency for unpaid minimum wages, as described in subsection (1) of this section, is joint and several with a contractor or subcontractor that had notice of the requirement to comply with ORS 279C.840.

(4) If a public works project is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq., and a public agency fails to include the state and federal prevailing rates of wage in the specifications

for the contract for public works as required under ORS 279C.830 (1)(a), or fails to provide in the contract that workers on the public works must be paid not less than the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing rate of wage as required under ORS 279C.830 (1)(d), the public agency is liable to each affected worker for:

(a) The worker's unpaid minimum wages, including fringe benefits, in an amount that equals, for each hour worked, the difference between the applicable higher rate of wage and the lower rate of wage; and

(b) An additional amount, equal to the amount of unpaid minimum wages due under paragraph (a) of this subsection, as liquidated damages.

(5) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may enforce the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section by a civil action under ORS 279C.850 (4), by a civil action on an assigned wage claim under ORS 652.330, or by an administrative proceeding on an assigned wage claim under ORS 652.332. [2003 c.794 §171; 2007 c.844 §6; 2011 c.265 §3]

[no Port rule]

279C.860 Ineligibility for public works contracts for failure to pay or post notice of prevailing rates of wage; certified payroll reports to commissioner. (1) A contractor or a subcontractor or a firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or association in which the contractor or subcontractor has a financial interest may not receive a contract or subcontract for public works for a period of three years after the date on which the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries publishes the contractor's or subcontractor's name on the list described in subsection (2) of this section. The commissioner shall add a contractor's or subcontractor's name to the list after determining, in accordance with ORS chapter 183, that:

(a) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally failed or refused to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed upon public works;

(b) The contractor failed to pay to the contractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 and a surety or another person paid the amounts on the contractor's behalf;

(c) The subcontractor failed to pay to the subcontractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 and the contractor, a surety or another person paid the amounts on the subcontractor's behalf;

(d) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally failed or refused to post the prevailing rates of wage as required under ORS 279C.840 (4); or

(e) The contractor or subcontractor intentionally falsified information in the certified statements the contractor or subcontractor submitted under ORS 279C.845.

(2) The commissioner shall maintain a written list of the names of contractors and subcontractors the commissioner determines are ineligible under this section and the period of time for which the contractors and subcontractors are ineligible. The commissioner shall publish the list, furnish a copy of the list upon request and make the list available to contracting agencies.

(3) If a contractor or subcontractor is a corporation or a limited liability company, the provisions of this section apply to any corporate officer or agent of the corporation or any member or manager of the limited liability company who is responsible for failing or refusing to pay or post the prevailing rate of wage, failing to pay to the contractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 that a surety or other person pays on the contractor's behalf, failing to pay to a subcontractor's employees amounts required under ORS 279C.840 that the contractor, a surety or another person pays on the subcontractor's behalf or intentionally falsifying information in the certified statements the contractor or subcontractor submits under ORS 279C.845.

(4) For good cause shown, the commissioner may remove the name of a contractor or subcontractor from the ineligible list.

(5) If a prevailing rate of wage claim is filed or the commissioner receives evidence indicating that a violation has occurred, a contractor or subcontractor required to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed upon public works under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 shall send a certified copy of the payroll for workers employed upon public works when the commissioner requests the certified copy. [2003 c.794 §174; 2009 c.107 §1; 2013 c.239 §1; 2017 c.334 §5]

[no Port rule]

279C.865 Civil penalties. (1) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for each violation of any provision of ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or any rule the commissioner adopted under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

(2) For purposes of this section, a failure to pay the required prevailing rate of wage and a failure to pay required fringe benefits are separate violations.

(3) Civil penalties under this section must be imposed as provided in ORS 183.745.

(4) All moneys collected as penalties under this section must be applied first toward reimbursing costs incurred in determining violations, conducting hearings and assessing and collecting the penalties. The remainder, if any, of moneys collected as penalties under this section must be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses. [2003 c.794 §177; 2017 c.334 §6]

[no Port rule]

279C.870 Civil action to enforce payment of prevailing rates of wage. (1) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or any other person may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction to require a public agency under a public contract with a contractor to withhold twice the wages in dispute if it is shown that the contractor or subcontractor on the contract has intentionally failed or refused to pay the prevailing rate of wage to workers employed on that contract and to require the contractor to pay the prevailing rate of wage and any deficiencies that can be shown to exist because of improper wage payments already made. In addition to other relief, the court may also enjoin the contractor or subcontractor from committing future violations. The contractor or subcontractor involved shall be named as a party in all civil actions brought under this section. In addition to other costs, the court may award the prevailing party reasonable attorney fees at the trial and on appeal. However, attorney fees may not be awarded against the commissioner under this section.

(2) The court shall require any party, other than the commissioner, that brings a civil action under this section to post a bond sufficient to cover the estimated attorney fees and costs to the public agency and to the contractor or subcontractor of any temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction or permanent injunction awarded in the action, in the event that the party bringing the action does not ultimately prevail.

(3) In addition to any other relief, the court in a civil action brought under this section may enjoin the public agency from contracting with the contractor or subcontractor if the court finds that the commissioner would be entitled to place the contractor or subcontractor on the ineligible list established under ORS 279C.860. If the court issues such an injunction, the commissioner shall place the contractor or subcontractor on the list for a period of three years, subject to the provision of ORS 279C.860 (4). [2003 c.794 §176; 2007 c.764 §39; 2009 c.107 §2]

[no Port rule]

279C.875 Criminal liability for intentional failure to pay prevailing wage; rules. (1) A contractor or subcontractor, or an agent of a contractor or subcontractor, may not intentionally:

(a) Fail to pay an employee of the contractor or subcontractor the prevailing rate of wage as provided in ORS 279C.840;

(b) Reduce the rate of wage that an employee would ordinarily receive for work that is not subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 in order to recoup wages the contractor, subcontractor or agent paid in accordance with ORS 279C.840;

(c) Withhold, deduct or divert any portion of an employee's wages except as provided in ORS 652.610 (3);

(d) Enter into an agreement with an employee under the terms of which the employee performs work on a public works project at less than the prevailing rate of wage; or

(e) Otherwise deprive an employee, permanently or indefinitely, of wages due to an employee under ORS 279C.840 in an amount that equals or exceeds 25 percent of wages due to the employee under ORS 279C.840 or \$1,000 in a single pay period, whichever is greater.

(2) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a Class C felony.

(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any action the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries may bring under ORS 279C.870, the commissioner may:

(a) Refer a violation of subsection (1) of this section to a district attorney or the Attorney General for prosecution; and

(b) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section. [2016 c.115 §4]

[no Port rule]

[End of Division C]

PORT OF PORTLAND CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD RULES

Revised ~~May 14, 2014~~ April 10, 2024

1. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD CREATION

The Port of Portland Board of Commissioners (“Commission”) is the governing body of the Port of Portland (“Port”). Pursuant to ORS 279A.060, because the Commission has taken no action to provide otherwise, the Commission is the Port of Portland Contract Review Board (“Board”).

2. AUTHORITY

Authority for various rulemaking by the Board is found at ORS 279A.055, 279A.060, 279A.180, 279B.075, 279B.085, 279B.120, 279C.100, 279C.105, 279C.335, 279C.345, 279C.360, and 279C.390.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rules (“Rules”) are effective as of March 1, 2005, and apply with respect to contracts first advertised, or, if not advertised, then first entered into, on or after that date.

4. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY NOT EXCLUSIVE

The Board is generally authorized by ORS 279A.075, and is specifically authorized by other statutes, to delegate any of the Board’s authority. When the Board delegates authority by means of these Rules, the delegation is not exclusive, and the Board retains the ability to exercise the delegated authority itself. The Board’s exercise of a delegated authority shall take precedence over any conflicting or inconsistent exercise of the authority by one to whom the Board has delegated the authority, or to whom the authority has been sub-delegated. The Board also may overrule the exercise of authority delegated by these Rules.

5. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

(a) "Personal services" means services where the unique or unusual professional, analytical, creative, or artistic abilities of the individual providing the service are of paramount importance.

(b) Personal services include but are not limited to:

(1) Services performed as an independent contractor in a professional capacity, including without limitation the services of an accountant, attorney, architectural or land use planning consultant, physician, dentist, registered professional engineer, appraiser, surveyor, or data processing consultant;

(2) Services as an artist in the performing or fine arts, including without limitation persons identified as photographer, film maker, painter, weaver, or sculptor;

(3) Services of a specialized, creative or research-oriented nature;

(4) Services of a consultant; and

(5) Services of an insurance agent of record.

(c) The following are not personal services:

(1) Services, even though in a professional capacity, if they result predominantly in a tangible product. For example, a landscape architect's designing of a garden is personal services, but designing a garden and supplying all the shrubs and trees results

predominantly in a tangible product;

(2) Labor that is of a type that generally can be done by any competent and trained worker, including without limitation janitorial, security guard, crop spraying, laundry, and landscape maintenance services; and

(3) Trade-related activities that amount to the provision of labor or materials, even though a specific license may be required to engage in the activity.

6. ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to ORS 279A.075, the Board delegates to the Port's Executive Director and the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement the authority to exercise the Board's power under ORS 279B.055(4)(c) and 279C.360 to make a factual determination that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective. Upon a factual determination by an individual properly authorized under this section that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective, the public notice of bids or proposals may be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation, as otherwise would be required under ORS 279B.055(4)(b) or 279C.360.

7. SOLE-SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Under ORS 279B.075, the Board designates the Executive Director and, with respect to contracts within the contracting authority delegated to the Manager of Contract and Procurement, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or their designee, to determine in writing, in accordance with the Port's Contracting Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, that goods or services, or a class of goods or services, are available from only one source.

8. CLASS SPECIAL PROCUREMENTS

8.1 Equipment Repair or Overhaul

The Port may award contracts for equipment repair or overhaul without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the service or parts required for the repair or overhaul are unknown and cannot be determined without extensive preliminary dismantling or testing, and the contract for repair or overhaul is awarded to the firm that performs the dismantling or testing.

8.2 Advertising

The Port may award contracts to publish advertising, including without limitation contracts with publishers, television and radio broadcasters, and billboard companies, but excluding contracts with advertising agencies or consultants providing advertising-related advice or services, without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

8.3 Contract Amendments

(a) The Port may amend a contract to add work and increase the price without adhering to procurement requirements under ORS chapters 279A or 279B, including without limitation the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and

Procurement determines that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(1) The work added by the amendment is within the scope of the original contract; or

(2) The work added by the amendment is outside the scope of the original contract, but can be performed by the contractor at a cost below what the Port estimates it would cost if a contract for that work were awarded through competitive bidding, competitive proposals, small procurement procedures, or intermediate procurement procedures, and:

(A) The price increase of the particular amendment is not more than ~~\$2,050,000~~ and the amendment has been approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee; or

(B) The amendment has been approved by the Commission.

(b) Additional work is within the scope of a contract for the purposes of this Section 8.3 if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the additional work is logically related to the contract work; (2) prudent contract management, engineering or construction practices dictate that the additional work ought to be performed in conjunction with the original contract work; (3) the additional work is located at the same site as the contract work; and (4) the contract objectively establishes the price, or the method of arriving at the price, for the additional work.

(c) For purposes of this Section 8.3, “contract amendment” means any change to the contract, including without limitation amendments, modifications, supplements, and change orders.

(d) The Port must report a contract amendment to the Commission if it meets all of the following criteria: (1) it is outside the scope of the original contract; (2) it is executed under subsection (a)(2) of this Rule; and (3) it exceeds ~~\$1500,000~~.

8.4 Port Tariffs; Special Facility Use Agreements

The Commission may adopt tariffs that establish the terms under which the Port provides goods and services to the users of Port facilities without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070. In addition, the Port may enter into special facility use agreements that establish user-specific terms under which the Port provides goods and services to particular users of Port facilities without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

8.5 Marketing Events

(a) The Port may award contracts for the planning and execution of marketing events without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when either of the following criteria is satisfied:

(1) The Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the interval between the time the Port first learned of the need for the marketing event and the date of the marketing event is insufficient to allow adherence to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070; or

(2) The marketing event will be held in another country.

(b) The Port may award contracts to reimburse Port clients for their reasonable costs incurred in planning and executing a marketing event without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

(c) For purposes of this Section 8.5, “marketing event” means an activity planned, carried on, or paid for by the Port to promote one or more of the Port’s statutory purposes. A marketing event may include, without limitation, entertainment and food and beverage catering. A marketing event may occur in this country or another, and may or may not be open to the public.

8.6 Reverse Auction Procurements

The Port may award contracts to procure goods or trade services using a reverse auction without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the use of a reverse auction for the procurement is in the Port’s best interests.

8.7 Purchase of Used Personal Property or Equipment

The Port may award contracts to purchase used personal property or equipment in an amount not exceeding \$~~2,500~~0,000 without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the purchase of the used property or equipment is in the Port’s best interests. For purposes of this subsection “used personal property or equipment” is personal property or equipment that has been placed in use by a previous owner or user for a period of time, and which is recognized in the relevant trade or industry, if there is one, as qualifying the personal property or equipment as “used.” Used personal property or equipment generally does not include personal property or equipment where the Port was the previous user, whether under a lease, as part of a demonstration, trial, pilot project, or similar arrangement.

8.8 ~~Hardware or Software Maintenance~~ Information Technology System Components and Services or Upgrades

The Port may award new contracts or renew existing contracts to procure information technology-related system components or services, including without limitation hardware and software (whether locally-installed or internet-accessed, and including licenses, subscription services, maintenance services, and upgrades), without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the ~~maintenance components or services or upgrades~~ are: (a) available from only one source; or (b) if available from more than one source, are obtained from the Port’s current provider in order to utilize the pre-existing knowledge of such provider regarding the specifics of the Port’s ~~hardware or software system information technology systems. The Port shall document in the contract file for such provider the facts that justify such determination.~~

8.9 Contracts for Legal Services

The Port may award contracts for legal services and other services integral to the provision of legal services without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, consistent with Commission Policy 6.1.3, *Legal Services*.

9. EXEMPTION OF CLASSES OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING

9.1 Other Than Port Funds

The Port may award a public improvement contract without competitive bidding if the costs of the contract will be paid entirely with private funds received by the Port from a Port customer or tenant for the purposes of the contract. The Port must negotiate a contract to be awarded under this subsection in a manner that ensures that the public improvement services are of a quality sufficient for the Port's particular need and at a cost that is fair and reasonable under the circumstances.

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The Port may award contracts in which public improvement work accounts for less than half of the estimated contract price without competitive bidding, provided that such contracts are awarded through a competitive negotiation conducted in accordance with applicable Port Contracting Rules.

9.3 Public Improvement Contract Amendments

(a) The Port may amend a public improvement contract to add work and increase the price without adhering to procurement requirements under ORS chapters 279A or 279C, including without limitation the requirements for: (i) sealed competitive bids under ORS 279C.335(1); (ii) competitive quotations under ORS 279C.335(1)(d), ORS 279C.412, or ORS 279C.414; and (iii) competitive proposals under ORS 279C.400, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

(1) The work added by the amendment is within the scope of the original contract; or

(2) The work added by the amendment is outside the scope of the original contract, but can be performed by the contractor at a cost below what the Port estimates it would cost if a contract for that work were awarded through sealed competitive bidding, competitive quotations, or competitive proposals, and:

(A) The price increase of the particular amendment is not more than ~~\$2,050,000~~ \$2,000,000 and the amendment has been approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee; or

(B) The amendment has been approved by the Commission.

(b) Additional work is within the scope of a contract for the purposes of this Section 9.3 if: (1) the additional work is logically related to the original work under the contract; (2) prudent contract management, engineering, or construction practices dictate that the additional work ought to be performed in conjunction with the original work under the contract; (3) the additional work is located at the same site as the original work under the contract; and (4) the contract objectively establishes the price, or the method of arriving at the price, for the additional

work.

(c) For purposes of this Section 9.3, “contract amendment” means any change to the contract, including without limitation amendments, modifications, supplements, and change orders.

(d) The Port must report a contract amendment to the Commission if it meets all of the following criteria: (1) it is outside the scope of the original contract; (2) it is executed under subsection (a)(2) of this Rule; and (3) it exceeds \$~~10~~50,000.

9.4 Sole Source

(a) The following definitions apply for purposes of this section:

(1) “Property Agreement” means a lease, operating agreement, or other agreement relating to the use of Port real property.

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(b) The Port may award a public improvement contract without competition if, under one of the following circumstances, there is only one contractor able and willing to perform the work:

(1) the public improvement contract is to be awarded to a Property User and the Property Agreement gives the Property User the exclusive control over the property where the work is to be performed;

(2) the public improvement contract is to be awarded to a Property User for work on Port property when such work is: (i) integral to work being performed by the Port User under a Property Agreement; and (ii) required to be performed under a permit or similar regulatory order; or

(3) the public improvement contract is to be awarded to a utility or railroad where the utility or railroad: (i) has the legal authority to limit performance of the work to its own employees or contractors; and (ii) chooses to exercise that authority.

(c) A contract awarded under subsections (b)(1) to (b)(3) of this section shall include only work that qualifies under such subsections, provided that a small amount of non-qualifying, incidental work may be performed as part of the contract if it is logically related to the qualifying work and cannot logically be performed by the Port’s own employees or by a Port contractor under a preexisting or concurrent contract.

10. SPECIFICATION OF PARTICULAR PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS ~~CONTRACTS~~

~~Pursuant to ORS 279A.075, the~~ The Board delegates to the Executive Director and the Manager of Contracts and Procurement , or their designee, the Board’s authority to make ~~factual~~ the findings allowed for under ORS 279C.345(2) regarding products or classes of products otherwise subject to the prohibition under ORS 279C.345(1) against brand name specifications. Such findings must be made in accordance with applicable Port Contracting Rules. Products or classes of products for which the findings required by ORS 279C.345(2) have been made pursuant to authority delegated under this section are exempt from the prohibition against brand name specification under ORS 279C.345(1).

11. BID SECURITY; PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

(a) All contracts other than those for public improvements are exempt from the requirement for bid security.

(b) The following classes of contracts are exempt from the requirement that a good and sufficient bond be furnished to assure performance of the contract and payment of obligations incurred in the performance of the contract:

(1) Any contract for a public improvement not exceeding \$100,000 to which the surety bond requirement of ORS 279C.380 might apply; and

(2) Any lease or other agreement relating to the use or occupancy of Port-owned real property to which surety bond requirements might otherwise apply, including without limitation any lease entered into in connection with the Port's issuance of industrial revenue or special obligation bonds. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to mean or imply that leases or other agreements relating to the use or occupancy of Port-owned real property are public contracts.

(c) The Port may require bid security and a good and sufficient performance and payment bond even though the contract is of a class exempted by this subsection.

12. DISQUALIFICATION APPEAL PROCEDURE

12.1 Purpose and Scope

These rules apply to appeal hearings before the Board in which the appellant appeals under ORS 279B.425 or under ORS 279C.445 and 279C.450 from a disqualification, denial of prequalification, revocation of prequalification, or revision of a prequalification as a bidder.

12.2 Delegation

Pursuant to ORS 279A.075, the Board may delegate its authority to hear appeals under ORS 279B.425 and 279C.450 to an independent hearings officer, in which case the hearings officer shall conduct the appeal proceeding in substantial compliance with this Section 12 and shall prepare a draft decision for Board action under subsection 12.17.

12.3 Notice

The notification to the Port required under ORS 279C.445 shall be in writing and delivered within the time allowed by that statute to the Manager of Contracts and Procurement, Port of Portland, PO Box 3529, Portland, Oregon 97208. Delivery may be accomplished by any commercially reasonable means, including without limitation fax or e-mail.

12.4 Representation

If the appellant is a corporation or unincorporated association, the appellant must be represented by an attorney licensed in Oregon unless the appellant cites a statute or other authority establishing that representation by an attorney is not required under the circumstances. The Port will be represented by an attorney. The Board may seek the advice of an attorney other than the individual attorney representing the Port.

12.5 Alternative Dispute Resolution

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Port and appellant may agree, as an alternative to a hearing before the Board, to an alternative method of dispute resolution, including without limitation negotiation, mediation, use of a facilitator, use of a neutral fact-finder, or settlement conferences, but may not include arbitration that is binding on the Port.

12.6 Presiding Officer

The President of the Board, a commissioner designated by the President, or, in the absence of the both President and a commissioner designated by the President, a commissioner selected by majority vote of the commissioners present at the opening of the hearing, shall preside over the appeal proceeding.

12.7 Conflicts

Commissioners shall comply with the requirements of ORS Chapter 244 if they have an actual or potential conflict of interest related to the appeal proceeding.

12.8 Interpreters

The Port will provide qualified interpreters if the appellant needs and requests an interpreter. A request for an interpreter should be included with the written notification of appeal.

12.9 Telephone Hearings

The presiding officer may, but is not required to, allow some Board members, parties, and attorneys for parties to attend the hearing by telephone while others attend in person. The presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, require the hearing to be conducted by telephone. As used in this subsection, "telephone" means any two-way electronic communication device, including video conferencing.

12.10 Standard of Review

In accordance with ORS 279C.450(3), the Board shall review the record de novo. The record shall consist of: (1) all documents submitted to the Port by the appellant before the Port rendered the decision that is the subject of the appeal; (2) all documents already in the Port's possession that were cited by the appellant before the Port rendered the decision that is the subject of the appeal, or that were relied upon by the Port in rendering that decision; (3) the Port's notice of disqualification that articulates the decision that is the subject of the appeal; and (4) the appellant's written notification of appeal. The Board may hear testimony regarding the meaning or significance of the record, but, unless permitted by the Board, the record may not be supplemented by documents or testimony. The Board may permit supplementation of the record only if the party offering supplemental evidence demonstrates that the evidence was not known to the offering party before the decision that is the subject of the appeal, and that the evidence could not have been discovered before then by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

12.11 Discovery and Evidence

The formal rules of discovery do not apply. The formal rules of evidence do not apply, but may be considered by the Board in assessing the relevancy of, the reliability of, and weight to be accorded to evidence.

12.12 Order of Presentation

The Port will present its case first, followed by the appellant. Each party may cross-examine the other party's witnesses. Members of the Board may question witnesses. The Port will make the first closing argument, the appellant's closing argument will follow, and the Port may make a reply argument.

12.13 Schedule

The Board may adjourn and reconvene the hearing from time to time, provided that the parties are given reasonable notice of when the hearing will next be reconvened.

12.14 Appeal Record

The Port will make a sound recording of the appeal hearing, a copy of which will be provided to the appellant upon payment of the Port's actual costs to make the copy.

12.15 Intervention

Third parties may not intervene.

12.16 Ex Parte Communications

An ex parte communication is an oral or written communication to the presiding officer or any other member of the Board not made in the presence of all parties to the hearing, concerning a fact in issue in the proceeding, but does not include communication from Port staff or counsel about facts in the record. If the presiding officer or any other member of the Board receives an ex parte communication, the communication shall be shared with the other party and all members of the Board. In addition, the other party shall be given a reasonable opportunity to rebut the content of the ex parte communication.

12.17 Decisions

A quorum is not necessary for the Board to render a decision. The Board will issue a written decision which: (1) upholds the disqualification, denial of prequalification, revocation of prequalification, or revision of prequalification, (2) reverses the disqualification, denial of prequalification, revocation of prequalification, or revision of prequalification, or (3) remands the matter to the Port for further consideration. A majority of the Board members present at the hearing must join or concur in the decision before it may be issued. The parties have no right to review the decision before it is issued. Appeal from the Board's decision is governed by ORS 279.045. The Board may issue a decision by default if either party fails to appear at the hearing.

PORT OF PORTLAND CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD RULES**Revised April 10, 2024****1. CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD CREATION**

The Port of Portland Board of Commissioners (“Commission”) is the governing body of the Port of Portland (“Port”). Pursuant to ORS 279A.060, because the Commission has taken no action to provide otherwise, the Commission is the Port of Portland Contract Review Board (“Board”).

2. AUTHORITY

Authority for various rulemaking by the Board is found at ORS 279A.055, 279A.060, 279A.180, 279B.075, 279B.085, 279B.120, 279C.100, 279C.105, 279C.335, 279C.345, 279C.360, and 279C.390.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE

These Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rules (“Rules”) are effective as of March 1, 2005, and apply with respect to contracts first advertised, or, if not advertised, then first entered into, on or after that date.

4. DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY NOT EXCLUSIVE

The Board is generally authorized by ORS 279A.075, and is specifically authorized by other statutes, to delegate any of the Board’s authority. When the Board delegates authority by means of these Rules, the delegation is not exclusive, and the Board retains the ability to exercise the delegated authority itself. The Board’s exercise of a delegated authority shall take precedence over any conflicting or inconsistent exercise of the authority by one to whom the Board has delegated the authority, or to whom the authority has been sub-delegated. The Board also may overrule the exercise of authority delegated by these Rules.

5. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

(a) "Personal services" means services where the unique or unusual professional, analytical, creative, or artistic abilities of the individual providing the service are of paramount importance.

(b) Personal services include but are not limited to:

(1) Services performed as an independent contractor in a professional capacity, including without limitation the services of an accountant, attorney, architectural or land use planning consultant, physician, dentist, registered professional engineer, appraiser, surveyor, or data processing consultant;

(2) Services as an artist in the performing or fine arts, including without limitation persons identified as photographer, film maker, painter, weaver, or sculptor;

(3) Services of a specialized, creative or research-oriented nature;

(4) Services of a consultant; and

(5) Services of an insurance agent of record.

(c) The following are not personal services:

(1) Services, even though in a professional capacity, if they result predominantly in a tangible product. For example, a landscape architect's designing of a garden is personal services, but designing a garden and supplying all the shrubs and trees results

predominantly in a tangible product;

(2) Labor that is of a type that generally can be done by any competent and trained worker, including without limitation janitorial, security guard, crop spraying, laundry, and landscape maintenance services; and

(3) Trade-related activities that amount to the provision of labor or materials, even though a specific license may be required to engage in the activity.

6. ELECTRONIC ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to ORS 279A.075, the Board delegates to the Port's Executive Director and the Port's Manager of Contracts and Procurement the authority to exercise the Board's power under ORS 279B.055(4)(c) and 279C.360 to make a factual determination that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective. Upon a factual determination by an individual properly authorized under this section that electronically providing public notice of bids or proposals is likely to be cost-effective, the public notice of bids or proposals may be published electronically instead of in a newspaper of general circulation, as otherwise would be required under ORS 279B.055(4)(b) or 279C.360.

7. SOLE-SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Under ORS 279B.075, the Board designates the Executive Director and, with respect to contracts within the contracting authority delegated to the Manager of Contract and Procurement, the Manager of Contracts and Procurement or their designee, to determine in writing, in accordance with the Port's Contracting Rules adopted under ORS 279A.065, that goods or services, or a class of goods or services, are available from only one source.

8. CLASS SPECIAL PROCUREMENTS

8.1 Equipment Repair or Overhaul

The Port may award contracts for equipment repair or overhaul without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the service or parts required for the repair or overhaul are unknown and cannot be determined without extensive preliminary dismantling or testing, and the contract for repair or overhaul is awarded to the firm that performs the dismantling or testing.

8.2 Advertising

The Port may award contracts to publish advertising, including without limitation contracts with publishers, television and radio broadcasters, and billboard companies, but excluding contracts with advertising agencies or consultants providing advertising-related advice or services, without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

8.3 Contract Amendments

(a) The Port may amend a contract to add work and increase the price without adhering to procurement requirements under ORS chapters 279A or 279B, including without limitation the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and

Procurement determines that one of the following conditions is satisfied:

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(2) The work added by the amendment is outside the scope of the original contract, but can be performed by the contractor at a cost below what the Port estimates it would cost if a contract for that work were awarded through competitive bidding, competitive proposals, small procurement procedures, or intermediate procurement procedures, and:

(A) The price increase of the particular amendment is not more than \$2,000,000 and the amendment has been approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director's designee; or

(B) The amendment has been approved by the Commission.

(b) Additional work is within the scope of a contract for the purposes of this Section 8.3 if the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines that all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the additional work is logically related to the contract work; (2) prudent contract management, engineering or construction practices dictate that the additional work ought to be performed in conjunction with the original contract work; (3) the additional work is located at the same site as the contract work; and (4) the contract objectively establishes the price, or the method of arriving at the price, for the additional work.

(c) For purposes of this Section 8.3, "contract amendment" means any change to the contract, including without limitation amendments, modifications, supplements, and change orders.

(d) The Port must report a contract amendment to the Commission if it meets all of the following criteria: (1) it is outside the scope of the original contract; (2) it is executed under subsection (a)(2) of this Rule; and (3) it exceeds \$100,000.

8.4 Port Tariffs; Special Facility Use Agreements

The Commission may adopt tariffs that establish the terms under which the Port provides goods and services to the users of Port facilities without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070. In addition, the Port may enter into special facility use agreements that establish user-specific terms under which the Port provides goods and services to particular users of Port facilities without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

8.5 Marketing Events

(a) The Port may award contracts for the planning and execution of marketing events without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when either of the following criteria is satisfied:

(1) The Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the interval between the time the Port first learned of the need for the marketing event and the date of the marketing event is insufficient to allow adherence to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070; or

(2) The marketing event will be held in another country.

(b) The Port may award contracts to reimburse Port clients for their reasonable costs incurred in planning and executing a marketing event without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070.

(c) For purposes of this Section 8.5, “marketing event” means an activity planned, carried on, or paid for by the Port to promote one or more of the Port’s statutory purposes. A marketing event may include, without limitation, entertainment and food and beverage catering. A marketing event may occur in this country or another, and may or may not be open to the public.

8.6 Reverse Auction Procurements

The Port may award contracts to procure goods or trade services using a reverse auction without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines in writing that the use of a reverse auction for the procurement is in the Port’s best interests.

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Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Port and appellant may agree, as an alternative to a hearing before the Board, to an alternative method of dispute resolution, including without limitation negotiation, mediation, use of a facilitator, use of a neutral fact-finder, or settlement conferences, but may not include arbitration that is binding on the Port.

12.6 Presiding Officer

The President of the Board, a commissioner designated by the President, or, in the absence of the both President and a commissioner designated by the President, a commissioner selected by majority vote of the commissioners present at the opening of the hearing, shall preside over the appeal proceeding.

12.7 Conflicts

Commissioners shall comply with the requirements of ORS Chapter 244 if they have an actual or potential conflict of interest related to the appeal proceeding.

12.8 Interpreters

The Port will provide qualified interpreters if the appellant needs and requests an interpreter. A request for an interpreter should be included with the written notification of appeal.

12.9 Telephone Hearings

The presiding officer may, but is not required to, allow some Board members, parties, and attorneys for parties to attend the hearing by telephone while others attend in person. The presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, require the hearing to be conducted by telephone. As used in this subsection, "telephone" means any two-way electronic communication device, including video conferencing.

12.10 Standard of Review

In accordance with ORS 279C.450(3), the Board shall review the record de novo. The record shall consist of: (1) all documents submitted to the Port by the appellant before the Port rendered the decision that is the subject of the appeal; (2) all documents already in the Port's possession that were cited by the appellant before the Port rendered the decision that is the subject of the appeal, or that were relied upon by the Port in rendering that decision; (3) the Port's notice of disqualification that articulates the decision that is the subject of the appeal; and (4) the appellant's written notification of appeal. The Board may hear testimony regarding the meaning or significance of the record, but, unless permitted by the Board, the record may not be supplemented by documents or testimony. The Board may permit supplementation of the record only if the party offering supplemental evidence demonstrates that the evidence was not known to the offering party before the decision that is the subject of the appeal, and that the evidence could not have been discovered before then by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

12.11 Discovery and Evidence

The formal rules of discovery do not apply. The formal rules of evidence do not apply, but may be considered by the Board in assessing the relevancy of, the reliability of, and weight to be accorded to evidence.

12.12 Order of Presentation

The Port will present its case first, followed by the appellant. Each party may cross-examine the other party's witnesses. Members of the Board may question witnesses. The Port will make the first closing argument, the appellant's closing argument will follow, and the Port may make a reply argument.

12.13 Schedule

The Board may adjourn and reconvene the hearing from time to time, provided that the parties are given reasonable notice of when the hearing will next be reconvened.

12.14 Appeal Record

The Port will make a sound recording of the appeal hearing, a copy of which will be provided to the appellant upon payment of the Port's actual costs to make the copy.

12.15 Intervention

Third parties may not intervene.

12.16 Ex Parte Communications

An ex parte communication is an oral or written communication to the presiding officer or any other member of the Board not made in the presence of all parties to the hearing, concerning a fact in issue in the proceeding, but does not include communication from Port staff or counsel about facts in the record. If the presiding officer or any other member of the Board receives an ex parte communication, the communication shall be shared with the other party and all members of the Board. In addition, the other party shall be given a reasonable opportunity to rebut the content of the ex parte communication.

12.17 Decisions

A quorum is not necessary for the Board to render a decision. The Board will issue a written decision which: (1) upholds the disqualification, denial of prequalification, revocation of prequalification, or revision of prequalification, (2) reverses the disqualification, denial of prequalification, revocation of prequalification, or revision of prequalification, or (3) remands the matter to the Port for further consideration. A majority of the Board members present at the hearing must join or concur in the decision before it may be issued. The parties have no right to review the decision before it is issued. Appeal from the Board's decision is governed by ORS 279.045. The Board may issue a decision by default if either party fails to appear at the hearing.

Request for Approval of Class Special Procurement
Revise Port of Portland Contract Review Board Rules

April 10, 2024

Background

On July 9, 2008 the Port of Portland's (Port) Contract Review Board (CRB) approved a class special procurement in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 279B.085, creating CRB Rule No. 8.8, *Hardware or Software Maintenance Services or Upgrades*. This rule enables the Port to award or renew contracts for information technology (IT)-related hardware or software maintenance services or upgrades without competition under certain circumstances, such as when utilizing the pre-existing knowledge of the Port's current provider is critical. This rule is one of nine CRB Rules which specially exempt a "class," or a category, of contracts from the competitive bidding requirements under Oregon's Public Contracting Code (Code). Class special procurements create efficiency, and in this case Rule 8.8 helps the Port optimize its IT systems.

Rule 8.8 is an invaluable tool for managing the Port's IT business systems. The ability to procure IT-related services and upgrades directly from the Port's current provider, rather than by competitively sourcing them from an unrelated provider, allows the Port to practice sound IT enterprise architecture. Often, the only provider that can perform additional services or upgrades is the current provider. For example, the Port's current enterprise resource planning (ERP) system provider, J.D. Edwards, must provide certain services to maintain this critical Port business system. The Port, like any other JDE customer, cannot simply deploy another provider to perform maintenance on JDE's ERP system. Enabling the Port to engage the right IT provider at the right time optimizes efficiency and, ultimately, best serves Port stakeholders.

Over time, IT business systems have evolved beyond hardware and locally-installed software that only needs occasional upgrades. These systems are now provided in various formats, both local and hosted online, and use rights may be documented under a license or a subscription. However, maintenance and support services, including upgrades, are still often only available from the system provider. And, replacing critical IT business systems on an arbitrary schedule due to competitive bidding requirements alone still does not make good business sense. The proposed changes to Rule 8.8 are intended to better align Rule 8.8 with the marketplace for these systems.

Proposed CRB Rule Modifications – CRB Rule 8.8

The proposed modifications to Rule 8.8 are shown below:

**8.8 ~~Hardware or Software Maintenance~~ Information Technology System
Components and Services or Upgrades**

The Port may award new contracts or renew existing contracts to procure information technology-related system components or services, including without limitation hardware or software (whether locally-installed or internet-accessed, and including licenses, subscription services, maintenance services or, and upgrades), without adhering to the requirements for sealed competitive bids under ORS 279B.055, for sealed competitive proposals under ORS 279B.060, for small procurements under ORS 279B.065, or for intermediate procurements under ORS 279B.070, when the Manager of Contracts and Procurement determines, in writing, that the ~~maintenance components or services or upgrades~~ are: (a) available from only one source; or (b) if available from more than one source, are obtained from the Port's current provider in order to utilize the pre-existing knowledge of such provider regarding the specifics of the Port's ~~hardware or software system~~ information technology systems. ~~The Port shall document in the contract file for such provider the facts that justify such determination.~~

Approval Requirements

Under ORS 279B.085(4), a local CRB may approve a class special procurement if the CRB finds that a written request demonstrates that the use of the special procurement is (a) unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts, and (b) reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or to the public, or otherwise substantially promotes the public interest in a manner that could not practicably be realized by complying with competitive bidding requirements.

For the reasons described above, the CRB deemed these requirements to have been met when Rule 8.8 was created. Port staff believe that with the minor modifications shown above, the rule still meets these requirements. The following additional information, presented in accordance with the statute, supports the new modifications:

- a) The rule modifications are unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts.

IT system providers authorize customers to use their proprietary systems by extending licenses or other rights to use them, such as subscriptions. Once the Port acquires an IT system, the Port must comply with those agreements to continue using the system. System providers are often the only option for receiving maintenance, support and other technical services. These services are most often only available from the system provider, so no contracts for these services can be solicited competitively. As a result, this rule does not encourage favoritism or diminish competition; it only documents the Port's right to service its critical IT business systems as the marketplace requires.

- b) The rule modifications are reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the Port or to the public, or to otherwise substantially promote the public interest in a manner that could not practicably be realized by complying with competitive bidding requirements.

The Port recognizes substantial cost savings under this rule for two main reasons. First, having the incumbent provider maintain its own IT system is more efficient than it would be for the Port to procure and contract with an unknown provider to perform that work (if the system use agreement even allowed for that). Second, maintaining access to a given IT system by extending an existing use agreement is far less complex than replacing that system in full when the contract for its acquisition and use expires. Decommissioning an existing system and then procuring, installing and implementing a new system is often very costly. In addition, Port business continuity is disrupted when staff need to be trained on the use of new systems.

Public Hearing

As required under the Code, the Port gave notice of a public hearing to take comments on this Request for Approval of Class Special Procurement, and held the public hearing on March 28, 2024. No adverse public comments were received.

Other Modifications

Other CRB rule modifications include minor formatting and grammatical improvements, clarification of certain roles and responsibilities, and increasing certain monetary approval thresholds to align with Commission-approved increases of the Executive Director's delegated contracting authority. CRB Rules No. 8.3 (Contract Amendments), 8.7 (Purchase of Used Personal Property or Equipment), and 9.3 (Public Improvement Contract Amendments) each reflect an increase from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 to reflect the same marketplace-driven adjustments as were made to Commission Policy No. 6.1.1 in January, 2023.