

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Approving a Sole Source
Procurement for Vanpool Services

ORDER NO. 70-2023

WHEREAS, Section 6.c of the Columbia County Public Contracting Ordinance authorizes the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") to award a contract for goods and services without competition when the Board determines by order that the goods or services or class of goods or services are available from only one source; and

WHEREAS, ORS 279B.075 and OAR 137-047-0275 authorize a local government to approve a sole source procurement upon finding that: (1) the efficient utilization of existing goods requires the acquisition of compatible goods or services; (2) that the goods or services required for the exchange of software or data with another public or private agency are available from only one source; (3) that the goods or services are for use in a pilot or experimental project; or (4) other findings that support the conclusion that the goods or services are available from only one source; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County Rider ("CC Rider") currently provides limited scheduled bus service to meet the needs of commuters living or working in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, CC Rider is investigating the use of subsidized vanpool services as a supplemental means of meeting this transportation need; and

WHEREAS, CC Rider as part of its investigation has received authorization from the Board to conduct a pilot project under which CC Rider establishes a limited number of subsidized vanpools to be used by individuals commuting to or from Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, CC Rider has identified EAN Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company doing business as COMMUTE with ENTERPRISE (Enterprise) as the only partner currently approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation for the provision of vanpool services utilizing STIF funds; and

WHEREAS, CC Rider has determined that Enterprise has the knowledge, equipment, expertise, and experience to act as a successful partner in a vanpooling pilot project; and

WHEREAS, notice of the sole source procurement was published on December 20, 2023, in the St. Helens Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in the County, and on the County's website; and

WHEREAS, no protests have been received, and at least seven days has passed since the date the notice was first published;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ORDERS, as follows:

1. The Board finds that the proposed procurement is for a pilot project and that Enterprise is the only source available for the services to be obtained through that procurement;
2. The above recitals, are hereby adopted in support of the Board's decision;

3. The sole source procurement for vanpool services from Enterprise is approved.

DATED this 28th day of December, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

By: 
Casey Garrett, Chair

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner