

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting )  
the Contract for Operations of the )  
Columbia County Transfer Station )  
and Recycling Facility from the )  
Competitive Bidding Requirements of )  
ORS 279.015(1), and the Columbia )  
County Public Contracting Rules )  
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ORDER No. 7-2004

WHEREAS, ORS 279.015 (2) and Section 7.D of the Columbia County Public Contract Review board Ordinance authorize the Board to exempt certain public contracts or classes of contracts from the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279.015(1) upon approval of the following findings: (a) It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and (b) The awarding of public contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the public contracting agency. In making such findings, the Board may consider the type, cost, amount of the contract, number of persons available to bid and such other factors as may be deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained funds to build and operate a solid waste transfer station which will be owned by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract for the operation of the solid waste transfer station and recycling facility; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the best service to the County and provide cost savings, the solicitation requests creative proposals dealing with the various aspects of the operations including materials recovery, marketing of recyclable materials, hauling techniques, operational performance assurance, staffing, project team organization, operations schedule, fees, and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, by requesting creative proposals the County will be able to choose an operator able to provide the best service to both commercial and residential users at the best price while maintaining all operating assurance standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that:

(a) It is unlikely that exempting the transfer station operations contract from the screening and selection procedures of ORS 279.015(2) and the Columbia County Public Contracting rules will encourage favoritism in the awarding of

public contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts because the process remains very competitive. The RFP will be advertised in one or more trade journals and will seek proposals from all qualified operators. Points will be allocated to the operations and maintenance criterion, and points will be allocated based on how well the proposed approaches will accomplish the County's overall goals and satisfy the requirements of the RFP; and

(b) The awarding of operations contract pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County because the successful proposal will offer the best services at the least cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Contract for the Operations of the Columbia County Transfer Station and Recycling Facility is exempted from the competitive bid requirements in ORS 279.015(1), and the Columbia County Public Contracting Rules.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2004.

Approved as to form

By: Sarah Toon  
Office of County Counsel

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