

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting a Personal Services)
Contract for the Provision of Flood Recovery)
Administrative Services From the Screening and)
Selection Procedures of the Personal Services)
Contracting Rule)
_____)

ORDER NO. 11-2009

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Columbia County Personal Services Contracting Rule, adopted by Order No. 38-2006, authorizes the County to exempt certain personal services contracts from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule upon approval of the following findings:

- (a) It is unlikely that such exemption will encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal services contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts; and
- (b) the awarding of personal services contracts pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County. 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 the Department may deem appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Personal Services Contracting Rules exempt single-source personal services contracts from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting rule where only a single personal services contractor is known to the County to be qualified to do the particular job or perform the particular services required, or only the single personal services contractor has reasonable access to factual, technical or statistical information necessary to perform the services required; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County desires to obtain flood recovery administrative services for the 2007 flood and related recovery efforts in Columbia County, including program administration for the Columbia County Unmet Needs Committee, volunteer coordination, and case management; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Team, Inc., (CAT) has been managing the provision of such services for the County since the flood events in December, 2007; and

WHEREAS, until December 31, 2008, other funding sources have been available to pay for the services that CAT has been providing; and

WHEREAS, CAT has requested to be allowed to continue to provide such services for the County; and

WHEREAS, no other person or entity is known by the County to have the knowledge

and experience to provide the administrative services related to the flood recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, no other person or entity has reasonable access to factual, technical or statistical information necessary to perform the services required; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the exemption of a personal services contract with Community Action Team will encourage favoritism in the awarding of personal services contracts or substantially diminish competition for these contracts; and the awarding of such personal services contract pursuant to the exemption will result in substantial cost savings to the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the contract with Community Action Team to perform flood recovery administration services is hereby exempted from the screening and selection procedures of the Personal Services Contracting Rule.

DATED this 25 day of February, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 

Office of County Counsel