

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Exempting)
the Contract for an Emergency Medical)
Facility from the Competitive Bidding) ORDER No. 28-2009
Requirements of ORS 279B.070)
and the Columbia County Public)
Contracting Rules)

WHEREAS, ORS 279B.075 authorizes the Board to exempt certain public contracts from the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279B.070 upon approval of findings that the services are available from only one source; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County is the recipient of a grant from the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management for the purchase of an Emergency Medical Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Facility will be used by multiple agencies within and outside Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has mutual aid agreements with such agencies that would allow the County to share the Emergency Medical Facility; and

WHEREAS, several regional mutual aid partners use the Gatekeeper II Emergency Medical Facility and are currently trained on the use and operation of the Gatekeeper II manufactured by Western Shelter Products; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that there all mutual aid partners are able to quickly and easily utilize the Emergency Medical Facility in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, before in-County training can be accomplished such mutual aid partners may be called on to assist the County with the Emergency Medical Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Emergency Management Department has requested to purchase the Gatekeeper II directly from Western Shelter Products as a sole-source procurement; and

WHEREAS, use of the sole-source procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or substantially diminish competition for public contracts because of the special coordination needs in emergency management; and

WHEREAS, use of the sole-source procurement is expected to result in substantial cost savings to the public in an emergency due to effective cross-training of emergency responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Contract for the Emergency Medical Facility is exempted from the competitive bid requirements in ORS 279B.070, and the Columbia County Public Contracting Rules and the County will enter into an Agreement directly with Western Shelter Products.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2009.

Approved as to form

By: Sarah Lawson
Office of County Counsel

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