

In the Matter of a Special Procurement for a)
Contract to Provide Food, Commissary and Laundry) Order No. 1-2014
Services to the Columbia County Jail)

(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

WHEREAS, ORS 279B.085 and OAR 137-047-0285 authorize a local contract review board to approve a contract-specific special procurement for the purpose of entering into a single contract on a one-time basis or for a single project upon receipt of a written request that demonstrates that the use of a special procurement (a) is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and (b) is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the agency or to the public, or 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; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has received a written request for a special procurement for a one year extension to an existing contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail, which is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the written request for a special procurement demonstrates that the special procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts; and (b) is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the agency or to the public, or 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;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners, approves the special procurement for a one year extension to the contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

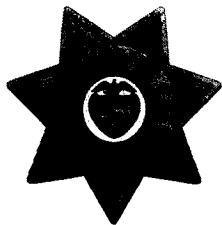
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December 30, 2013

Board of County Commissioners
Acting as the Local Public Contracting Review Board
230 Strand Street
St. Helens, Oregon 97051

Re: Request for special procurement to extend existing contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail by one year

Dear Commissioners:

Pursuant to ORS 279B.085, I am requesting that you act as the local contract review board to approve a special procurement to extend the existing contract with ARAMARK for food, commissary and laundry services in the Columbia County Jail for a period of one year. The County entered into a contract with ARAMARK in 2006. The Contract expires on December 31, 2013. I am requesting a direct appointment with ARAMARK to extend the contract for an additional one year period. As you are aware, funding in the Columbia County Jail has been very uncertain for the last several years. The extension is necessary in order to assess funding and adjust food, commissary and laundry expectations accordingly. I will use this assessment in a future request for proposal for these services which will be issued mid-2014, should we be able to determine that the jail will be able to continue operations into the future. The expectation is that a new contract will be issued based on the results of the 2014 RFP no later than December 31, 2014.

This Special Procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism in the awarding of public contracts or to substantially diminish competition for public contracts for the following reasons:

1. It is a stop-gap measure to merely continue inmate services while we determine whether the jail will continue to operate in the coming fiscal year. ARAMARK will have no special advantage over other proposers when the RFP is issued. Furthermore, a one year extension of an existing contract will not substantially diminish competition.
2. It is a purely cost-driven procurement designed to save money on a contract that has already been awarded following ORS 279B.060 (competitive sealed proposals) and to ultimately save money on the future contract.
3. The plan is to assess the likelihood of continued jail operations, given the funding shortfall we are currently in, the likelihood of reduced US Marshal bed rentals and the increasing costs of jail operations overall. If the jail is to close, changing providers in the midst of shut-down operations is not feasible.
4. It is based only in immediate cost savings to the contracting agency and will not unduly influence any future RFP process, which will have FUTURE costs as a primary driving factor.

5. Because keeping costs low will be key in the next contract negotiations, all competing bidders will have an equal opportunity to demonstrate how they will keep costs low – there is no desire to keep our current provider if we can find one that will provide appropriate food services at a lower rate.

Given the requirement in our current contracting language of a bond posted by the provider, for which the provider would necessarily pass the costs on to the contracting agency over a potentially short period of time, this Special Procurement can be reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the contracting agency or to the public by reducing the cost of food services by five percent over the course of the special procurement, which equals an amount over \$20,000 under current expense levels.

Respectfully,


Jeffrey M. Dickerson
Sheriff