

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of a Special Procurement for a	)	
Contract to Provide Jail Medical and Mental Health	)	Order No. 41-2014
Services to the Columbia County Jail	)	

WHEREAS, Section 7.D of the Columbia County Public Contract Review Board Ordinance authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to exempt certain public contracts or classes of public contracts from the competitive bidding requirements of ORS 279B.050 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 public 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 Board may deem appropriate; 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 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, 279.065, 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 CHC for medical and mental health 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, 279.065, or 279B,070, or under any rules adopted thereunder;

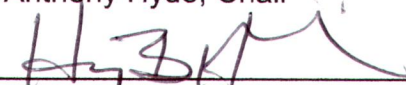
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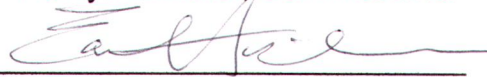
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners, approves the special procurement for a one year extension to the contract with CHC for medical and mental health services in the Columbia County Jail.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By:   
Henry Heimuller, Commissioner

By:   
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By:   
Office of County Counsel





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September 12, 2014

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

**Re: Request for special procurement to extend existing contract with Correctional Healthcare 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 CHC for medical and mental health services in the Columbia County Jail for a period of one year. The County entered into a contract with CHC in 2010. The Contract expires on September 30, 2014. I am requesting a direct appointment with CHC 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. I did not prepare for on-going medical care in the Jail due to its expected closure. The expectation is that a new contract will be issued based on the results of a 2014 RFP no later than February, 2015.

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 go out for a RFP under ORS 279B.060 (competitive sealed proposals) in the coming months. CHC 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. The plan is to assess more realistic budget data for a future competitive, sealed bidding process that takes into account budget numbers for the coming year given the recently adopted supplemental budget.
3. It is based only in immediate cost savings to the contracting agency and will not unduly influence the upcoming RFP process, which will have FUTURE costs as a primary driving factor.
4. 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 medical and mental health services at a lower rate.

Respectfully,

  
Jeffrey M. Dickerson  
Sheriff