

Senate Bill 675

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

SUMMARY

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Removes requirement that bidder or proposer for public contract demonstrate responsibility by submitting signed affidavit that attests that bidder or proposer complied with tax laws of this state.
Becomes operative 91 days after effective date of Act.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to requirements for responsibility determinations in public contracting; creating new pro-
3 visions; amending ORS 279B.110; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 279B.110, as amended by section 3, chapter 77, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended
6 to read:

7 279B.110. (1) As part of a contracting agency's evaluation of a bid or proposal, the contracting
8 agency shall determine whether the bidder or proposer is responsible in accordance with the stan-
9 dards of responsibility set forth in subsection (2) of this section. If the contracting agency deter-
10 mines that a bidder or proposer is not responsible, the contracting agency shall provide the bidder
11 or proposer with written notice of the contracting agency's determination.

12 (2) In order for a contracting agency to determine that a bidder or proposer is responsible, the
13 bidder or proposer must demonstrate to the contracting agency that the bidder or proposer:

14 (a) Has available the appropriate financial, material, equipment, facility and personnel resources
15 and expertise, or has the ability to obtain the resources and expertise, necessary to meet all con-
16 tractual responsibilities.

17 (b) Completed previous contracts of a similar nature with a satisfactory record of performance.
18 For purposes of this paragraph, a satisfactory record of performance means that to the extent that
19 the costs associated with and time available to perform a previous contract remained within the
20 bidder's or proposer's control, the bidder or proposer stayed within the time and budget allotted for
21 the procurement and otherwise performed the contract in a satisfactory manner. The contracting
22 agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of performance if the contracting agency
23 finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

24 (c) Has a satisfactory record of integrity. The contracting agency in evaluating the bidder's or
25 proposer's record of integrity may consider, among other things, whether the bidder or proposer has
26 previous criminal convictions for offenses related to obtaining or attempting to obtain a contract
27 or subcontract or in connection with the bidder's or proposer's performance of a contract or sub-
28 contract. The contracting agency shall document the bidder's or proposer's record of integrity if the
29 contracting agency finds under this paragraph that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

30 (d) Is legally qualified to contract with the contracting agency.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (e) Complied with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state, including ORS
 2 305.620 and ORS chapters 316, 317 and 318. *[The bidder or proposer shall demonstrate compliance by*
 3 *submitting a signed affidavit that attests, under penalty of perjury, that the bidder or proposer has*
 4 *complied with the tax laws of this state or a political subdivision of this state.]*

5 (f) Supplied all necessary information in connection with the inquiry concerning responsibility.
 6 If a bidder or proposer fails to promptly supply information concerning responsibility that the con-
 7 tracting agency requests, the contracting agency shall determine the bidder's or proposer's respon-
 8 sibility based on available information or may find that the bidder or proposer is not responsible.

9 (g) Was not debarred by the contracting agency under ORS 279B.130.

10 (3) A contracting agency may refuse to disclose outside of the contracting agency confidential
 11 information furnished by a bidder or proposer under this section when the bidder or proposer has
 12 clearly identified in writing the information the bidder or proposer seeks to have treated as confi-
 13 dential and the contracting agency has authority under ORS 192.410 to 192.505 to withhold the
 14 identified information from disclosure.

15 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 279B.110 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to**
 16 **procurements that a contracting agency advertises or otherwise solicits or, if the contract-**
 17 **ing agency did not advertise or solicit the procurement, to contracts into which the con-**
 18 **tracting agency entered on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2015**
 19 **Act.**

20 **SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 279B.110 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become**
 21 **operative 91 days after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

22 (2) **The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, the Director of**
 23 **Transportation, the Attorney General or a contracting agency that adopts rules under ORS**
 24 **279A.065 may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this**
 25 **section that is necessary to enable the director, the Attorney General or the contracting**
 26 **agency to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section,**
 27 **all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director, the Attorney General or**
 28 **the contracting agency by the amendments to ORS 279B.110 by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
 30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
 31 **on its passage.**

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