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Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room B
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 382

Dear Senator Beyer and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland offers its support for providing additional flexibility in evaluating contractors for Personal Services by increasing the contract limit for which price can be part of the evaluation process. This increased evaluative information will help Agencies draw more value to lower level Public Improvement projects.

The City of Portland's contracting and consultant selection process includes a program to increase engagement with small, disadvantaged, minority, and women owned businesses. This bill is written in such a way that we can continue to ensure we meet these criteria, while also ensuring that the City can move quickly and efficiently in small and mid-sized projects.

The values we uphold as stewards of the public dollar set a high bar for transparency, completion, and quality of product. The conversation opened by SB 382 as drafted is an important one, and the City of Portland is supportive with amendments that provide the additional flexibility and efficiency while adhering to broadly shared values for public contracting.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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