



February 9, 2018

Representative Paul Holvey, Chair  
House Committee on Business and Labor  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for HB 4127 – Improving Accountability and Transparency in Public Contracting (QBS)**

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill HB 4127. We believe this bill provides important reforms to the Qualification Based Selection procurement process that will benefit the nearly 500,000 citizens served by TVF&R.

HB 4127 brings several important benefits to the QBS process:

- **Pricing:** It allows for consideration of pricing information prior to selecting a contractor. It is in the public's best interest that we are allowed to consider and compare pricing before spending taxpayer dollars.
- **Competition:** Current QBS law can make it difficult for contractors to bid on government projects. HB 4127 would increase opportunity for small businesses to compete, which ultimately should bring better value to our taxpayers.
- **Efficiency:** Having pricing information from competing firms at the same time and earlier in the process will allow public agencies to make better decisions and move through projects more efficiently.

TVF&R is the largest fire district in Oregon and has extensive experience with QBS - we use it on nearly every new or remodeled fire station or facility project. It is our opinion that HB 4127 contains important reforms and we encourage you to support this bill.

Respectfully,

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Fire Chief