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## **HB 4127 A: Qualification-Based Selection Update**

HB 4127 A updates our QBS process to create more flexibility for localities while remaining true to QBS standards. By creating two pathways, the bill provides a more transparent, accountable, and efficient process for purchasing professional services while preserving the current law for jurisdictions that choose to use the current system.

### **Current Qualification Based Selection Process in ORS 279C.110:**

1. Public agency puts out a Request for Qualifications
2. Qualifications only come back from interested firms
3. Public agency ranks all firms from most qualified to least qualified
4. Public agency must enter a negotiation with the top qualified firm ("Firm A"). At that point, pricing information can be discussed.
5. The public agency either makes a final selection of Firm A, or terminates the negotiation and moves on to Firm B. (The agency may not return to Firm A at any time after terminating that negotiation).

### **Optional Alternative Qualification Based Selection Process as proposed in HB 4127 A:**

1. Public agency puts out a Request for Qualifications
2. Qualifications only come back from interested firms
3. Public selects up to three firms on the basis of qualifications alone. At that point, pricing information can be discussed.
4. The public agency makes a final selection based on negotiations with the qualified firms.

### **Benefits of HB 4127A:**

1. Ensures **qualifications remain the focus** of firm selection
2. Increases **government efficiency** by giving contracting agencies relevant information when they need it
3. Provides **transparency and accountability** around the use of public funds
4. Expands **access to government contracts** to more firms

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## HB 4127 (QBS Update) Supporter List

### Organizations

1. Association of Oregon Counties
2. Central Oregon Cities Organization (Bend, Culver, La Pine, Madras, Maupin, Metolius, Prineville, Redmond, & Sisters)
3. League of Oregon Cities
4. Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (Beaverton, Canby, Cornelius, Durham, Fairview, Forest Grove, Gladstone, Gresham, Happy Valley, Hillsboro, King City, Lake Oswego, Maywood Park, Milwaukie, North Plains, Oregon City, Portland, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Troutdale, Tualatin, West Linn, Wilsonville, Wood Village)
5. Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association (Hermiston Energy Services, McMinnville Water and Light, Canby Utility, City of Ashland, City of Bandon, City of Cascade Locks, City of Drain, Forest Grove Light and Power, City of Milton-Freewater, Monmouth Power and Light, Springfield Utility Board, City of Monmouth)
6. Oregon Public Ports Association (Oregon's 23 ports)
7. Oregon Recreation & Parks Association (professional trade organization for thousands of members who work in or engage with parks and recreation in the state of Oregon)
8. Oregon School Board Association
9. Special Districts of Oregon

### Cities

1. Astoria
2. Beaverton
3. Brownsville
4. Creswell
5. Cornelius
6. Corvallis
7. Cottage Grove
8. Forest Grove
9. Gresham
10. Happy Valley
11. Harrisburg
12. Hillsboro



13. Lake Oswego
14. Medford
15. Milwaukie
16. Monmouth
17. Oakland
18. Pendleton
19. Redmond
20. Roseburg
21. Sherwood
22. Springfield
23. St. Helens
24. Tigard
25. Turner

### Counites

1. Clackamas County
2. Lane County
3. Washington County

### School Districts

1. Albany School District
2. Beaverton School District
3. Portland Public Schools

### Other localities

1. Eugene Water & Electric Board
2. Metro
3. Port of Portland
4. TriMet
5. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
6. Tualatin Valley Water

*More localities and organizations are interested in supporting this each day!*