

Cornelius

Oregon's Family Town

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Senator Chuck Riley, Chairman
Senate Committee on General Government & Accountability
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairman Riley and Committee Members,

The City of Cornelius is in support of HB 4127A, including the amendment added by Rep. Susan McLain. While the QBS (Qualification-Based Selection) process has certain strengths in procuring construction contracts, we also believe that QBS does not promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in the procurement of certain professional services. Public agencies should be able to compare pricing information from qualified consultants prior to making a selection and committing public monies, just as you would with selecting vendors in your own business or home prior to selection of a repairman or contractor.

HB 4127A allows public contracting agencies to issue an RFQ and select up to three (3) qualified firms. After an initial qualification-based selection is made, just as it is done currently, public contracting agencies may then request pricing information prior to opening negotiations. This will save taxpayer monies and still allow for a qualification-based selection process.

Please support HB 4127A and allow local governments to promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in our daily operations.

Yours truly,



Rob Drake
City Manager