

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

ORDINANCE NO. 562

An Ordinance establishing County policy and creating procedures for public contracts with Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities, and amending Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

Section 1. Findings.

In ORS 279.835 et seq., the State of Oregon adopted a policy to encourage and assist maximum personal independence of handicapped individuals through the use of public contracts.

As part of this statute, public agencies are directed to purchase products and services from Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities.

It is in the best interests of Multnomah County to establish County policy regarding assistance to the handicapped and create procedures for contracting with Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities.

Section 2. Amendment.

The Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board regulations are amended by adopting the following provisions as Division 70:

70.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish policies and procedures governing the acquisition of goods and services produced by Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities and to insure that Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities are provided opportunities to enter into contractual relationships with Multnomah County, State of Oregon.

70.020 Definitions

1. Qualified Rehabilitation Facility (QRF) - For the purpose of this rule, Qualified Rehabilitation Facility (hereinafter QRF) means a nonprofit sheltered workshop or nonprofit activity center whose purpose is to assist and encourage handicapped individuals and is:

a. In the manufacture of products or in the provision of services, whether or not the products or services are procured under this rule, and during the fiscal year employs handicapped individuals for not less than 75 percent of the direct labor required for the manufacture or provision of the products or services.

b. A QRF must be either a Sheltered Workshop or a Work Activity Center certified through the State of Oregon Department of General Services.

2. Direct Labor - Includes all work required for preparation, production, processing and packing, but does not include supervision, administration, inspection and shipping.

3. Handicapped Individual - Means a severely handicapped individual who, because of the nature of the disabilities, is not able to participate in competitive employment, and for whom specialized employment opportunities must be provided.

#### 70.030 Policy

It is the policy of Multnomah County to encourage employment of the handicapped. An essential element of this policy is to support sheltered employment by contracting for needed goods and services available from QRF's. The County shall identify contracting opportunities within the organization and encourage awarding of contracts to QRF's. This policy shall be equally applicable to all County organizations and shall be administered by the Director of Purchasing.

#### 70.040 Certification

It shall be the policy of Multnomah County to use the QRF Certification established by the State of Oregon Department of General Services, when applicable.

All business entities wishing to qualify for QRF status with the County must furnish proof of certification with the State of Oregon Department of General Services.

#### 70.050 Set-Aside Program for QRF Firms

The designation of contracts to the set-aside program will be made by the joint determination of the head of the county department initiating the contract and the Director of Purchasing or agents appointed by them. The procedure for bidding and awarding of contracts shall be consistent with AR 40.000, except for the restriction limiting competition to QRF firms. In situations where a set-aside has been established, and there is only one certified QRF available on the State

Certification List, the County shall negotiate a contract with the Qualified Rehabilitation Facility provided the product or service is in accordance with the price established by the Purchasing Section, it meets all minimum specifications and is available within the period required by the Purchasing Section.

The Purchasing Section will review on a regular basis the procurement list established and published by the Oregon Department of General Services to determine sources and potential sources of products and services produced by QRF's. This procurement list will be distributed annually to all County departments.

Section 3. Adoption.

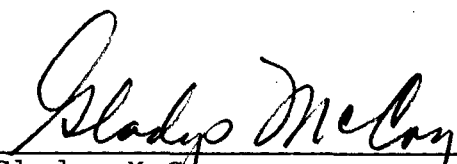
This Ordinance, being necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Multnomah County, shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after its adoption, pursuant to Section 5.50 of the Charter of Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 1987, being the date of its 2nd reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County.

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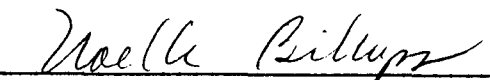
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