



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 12/15/11  
Agenda Item #: R.4  
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am  
Date Submitted: 12/7/11

### Agenda Title: Consideration of FAC1 Resolution: Proposed Headquarters For The Multnomah County Health Department – Preliminary Planning Proposal

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

Requested Meeting: December 15, 2011  
Time Needed: 30 minutes  
Department: Non-Departmental—Chair's Office  
Division: Chair Jeff Cogen  
Contact(s): Emerald Bogue

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):  
▪ Multnomah County Facilities & Property Management: Brett Taute, Project Manager, Strategic Projects Team  
▪ Multnomah County Health Department: Lillian Shirley, Director  
▪ Home Forward: Steve Rudman, Executive Director

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of the FAC-1 Health Department Headquarters Preliminary Planning Proposal. Direct the Health Department and Facilities to work in partnership with Home Forward to submit the proposal to the Portland Housing Bureau to secure the site for the project. With approval of the Preliminary Planning Proposal by the Portland Housing Bureau, the Facilities and Property Management Division, in conjunction with the Health Department, County Finance and the County Attorney are directed to negotiate and draft a final Intergovernmental Agreement with Home Forward defining roles and responsibilities and present to the Board of County Commissioners.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County has an opportunity to pursue the development of a new headquarters for the Health Department on the half block adjacent to the Bud Clark Commons. For over a decade, Multnomah County has been looking for opportunities to vacate the McCoy Building. The building is in poor shape, was not designed to accommodate its current functions, and requires significant investment in upcoming years. In August of 2010,

Multnomah County convened with Home Forward to discuss the feasibility of relocating the McCoy Building functions to the east half of Block U. This property is adjacent to the Bud Clark Commons and is owned by the City of Portland's Portland Housing Bureau (PHB).

This property is compelling to the county for three important reasons. First, Home Forward has an exclusive option to submit a proposal to the PHB to develop this property. The option expires January 28, 2011 and with a land cost of zero dollars. Second, the land is within the River District Urban Renewal Area in which \$26.9 million has been set aside for County facility needs. Finally, the site is close to the current McCoy Building and will continue to well serve the clients and staff who would occupy the space.

The Board of County Commissioners was briefed on this project as seen in attachment.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

There is no financial commitment tied to this resolution. Future potential financial considerations are laid out in the attached exhibit: Multnomah County Health Department Headquarters Preliminary Planning Proposal

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

Multnomah County Resolution No. 02-136 establishes a comprehensive process for planning authorization and construction of major facilities capital projects.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

This has been a joint effort between Multnomah County and Home Forward. Community outreach has been done and will continue throughout the project. Approval of the Resolution will enable Multnomah County and Home Forward to submit a proposal to the City of Portland for acquisition of the land.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official  
or Dept  
Director:**



**Date:** 12/7/11