



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 3/15/18  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am  
Date Submitted: 3/6/18

**Agenda Title: Resolution Approving Amendments to Public Contract Review Board Rules Division 60 on Equal Opportunity in Public Contracting, effective July 1, 2018.**

<b>Requested Date:</b> March 15, 2018	<b>Time Needed:</b> 45 minutes
<b>Department/Division:</b> Non-D/Chair and District 4	<b>Contacts:</b> Liz Smith Currie, Chair Kafoury and Roberta Hunte, Commissioner Stegmann
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<b>Presenters:</b> Liz Smith Currie, Chair's office Roberta Hunte, Commissioner Stegmann's office	

## General Information:

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

Approval by the Board, acting as the Public Contract Review Board, of a Resolution Amending Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board (PCRB) Rules Division 60 to add a Construction Diversity and Equity Fund (CDEF).

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

The proposed PCRB Rule amendments create County policy to ensure that County construction projects support a diverse local workforce and firms certified by the Oregon Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID-Certified Firms). To support

this policy, the County will set aside one percent (1%) of the County Construction Cost and one percent (1%) of other funds' Construction Costs (when permitted by other funding entities) into the CDEF.

The CDEF will support two initiatives: (1) the development of a diverse local construction workforce through support of BOLI certified pre-apprenticeship programs, as well as workforce support services and retention programs; and (2) technical assistance, mentoring and training for firms in the fields of construction-related professional services or contracting that have been certified by the Oregon Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity (COBID-Certified Firms). The CDEF will apply to Construction Projects which are first advertised or solicited after July 1, 2018. In addition, any liquidated damages assessed by the County for Workforce Training & Hiring (WFTH) non-compliance on projects subject to the WFTH program shall be placed in the CDEF.

The CDEF will be developed by Multnomah County Purchasing in consultation with a variety of County and community stakeholders. Mechanisms for collecting the fund will be developed by Purchasing and the Department of County Management. Purchasing will present annual reports to the Board of County Commissioners to include funding priorities and data on outcomes and activities supported by the CDEF.

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

The ongoing cost of this program will vary, depending on the amount of construction done by the County. The CDEF will increase by 1 percent the cost of Construction of a new building, road, bridge or other public work where the County Construction Cost exceeds \$1 million and projects for the rehabilitation, renovation or improvement of an existing County building, road, bridge, other public work, or of premises leased by the County, where the County Construction Cost exceeds \$200,000.

A review of the past several years of facilities remodeling projects gives a sense of the scope and number of projects the County might undertake in the future. The following is a list of remodeling projects over \$200,000 in the three previous fiscal years:

FY17: 12 projects for \$5,410,685

FY16: 11 projects for \$9,240,588

FY15: 15 projects for \$6,465,489

There were two new building construction projects over \$1 million in the past three years, the Multnomah County Courthouse and the Health Department Headquarters.

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

The PCRB Rules govern the purchasing activity of Multnomah County. Amendments to the PCRB Rules must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board. The County has worked to establish strong aspirational goals for our workforce and certified firm participation on County construction projects. The City of Portland, Metro, school districts and others are also establishing goals to provide economic opportunities for women, minorities and service disabled veterans. The CDEF aligns with the County's Workforce Equity Strategy and will strengthen the County's

commitment to increasing diversity, equity and opportunity in our workforce and business community.

Jobs in the fields of construction, professional services and contracting are stable, family wage jobs, but as a result of a history of discrimination and other barriers, jobs in these fields have not been equally available to all people.

By setting aside one percent (1%) of funds on our construction projects in the CDEF, the County will have a consistent commitment to promoting and expanding a thriving, diverse, well-trained workforce in the construction trades and design and construction contractor pool.

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

In November 2017, the City of Portland dedicated 1 percent of City Public Improvement construction contracts to a Community Opportunity and Enhancement Program, which is similar to this proposal.

**Required Signature:**

<b>Elected Official/ Department Director:</b>	<b>/s/ Deborah Kafoury, County Chair and Lori Stegmann, Commissioner, District 4</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 6, 2018</b>
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