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Via Email Only To: j.mason@centralcoastfire.net

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Re: 2022 Public Contracting Rules Update Packet

Dear Chief:

Your District has previously adopted our public contracting packet. As you know, our packet is based on the AG's Model Rules, with changes that simplify and tailor those rules for our clients – plus add exemptions not available under the AG's Rules.

In reviewing our records, we see that Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District originally received our Public Contracting Rules Packet on February 15, 2005, and subsequently purchased two updates. The last purchased update was on April 23, 2020. While our records do not reflect whether your District actually adopted those Rules, assuming that they are in place, they are now out of date.

The 2021 legislature adopted several Oregon Public Contracting Code amendments. The AG is currently in the process of updating its model rules to reflect those legislative changes. Since the AG's rules have yet to be issued, I have reviewed all statutory amendments and incorporated needed modifications into our public contracting rule packet. Pursuant to ORS 279A.065(6)(b), such a review is required for any entity which has adopted its own rules. Because your District purchased our rules in the past, I conduct this review for you and periodically let you know when amendments are required.

Our 2022 Public Contracting Rules Packet includes the following modifications:

1. The 2021 legislature increased the small procurement threshold for public improvement contracts from \$5,000 to \$10,000, which matches the threshold for goods and service contracts.

2. Public hearings are no longer necessarily required for public improvement contract exemptions. Rather, statewide published notice continues to be required, followed by a hearing only upon request.

3. For those of you who have not adopted rules since 2019, another helpful update allows your District to use price information in architect/engineer consultant (i.e. Division 48) selection procedures.

As with our prior rule updates, our 2022 packet includes an explanatory letter, updated rules, an adopting resolution, and accompanying findings for a flat fee. As your District last updated in 2020, our full packet update is only \$185.

Please contact Carrie Connelly (chc@localgovtlaw.com) or Kim Dahlgren (kimd@localgovtlaw.com) if your District wishes to purchase a 2022 public contracting packet from our office.

Sincerely yours,

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