

Oregon Department of Transportation Small Business Initiative

Small Contracting Program for Professional and Technical Services Statewide Launch

Overview

The Oregon Department of Transportation is implementing a comprehensive plan to increase economic opportunities for Oregon workers and businesses through innovative efforts to boost participation in transportation projects.

Several components make up the agency's overall plan:

- Workforce Development Program – focuses on individual workers
- Small Business Opportunities Outreach through the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program – focuses on design and construction
- Small Business Initiative – focuses on contracting
 - Professional and technical services
 - Construction

Under ODOT's Small Business Initiative, the agency has developed the Small Contracting Program for Professional and Technical Services to increase the number of small businesses that are awarded ODOT contracts. Initially implemented through a successful pilot program in ODOT's Region 1, the Portland metropolitan area, the program is launching statewide in September 2007.

A simplified procurement process registers firms to participate in the program and have the opportunity to be selected as prime consultants for ODOT contracts valued at \$74,990 annually or less. The selection process gives preference to firms that have no existing contracts as a prime with ODOT, while continuing to use qualification-based criteria.

A Request for Qualifications to participate in the program is posted on ORPIN, the Oregon Procurement Information Network web site, at <http://orpin.oregon.gov>. The RFQ consists of a short registration form that requests basic information about the firm, its employees and its experience.

Firms may register by completing the RFQ process at any time to be included in the selection pool for future program contract awards.

For more information about the Small Contracting Program for Professional and Technical Services, visit ODOT's Office of Civil Rights' Small Business Support web site at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/CS/CIVILRIGHTS/small_business.shtml. Visit the State of Oregon's contracting and procurement web site at <http://orpin.oregon.gov>, or call ODOT's Procurement Office at (503) 731-3254 to request a copy of the RFQ materials.