

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ODOT Competitive Bidding Exemption**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will hold a public hearing in Conference Room 2 of the ODOT Major Projects Branch at 680 Cottage ST NE in Salem, at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2007. The purpose of the public hearing is to take oral and written comments on ODOT's draft findings in support of an exemption from competitive bidding under ORS 279C.335 for the bridge replacements and bridge repair project known as "US395: McKay Creek – Silvies Slough (MSS) Bundle 414" on US395, US26, OR19 and OR78 highways (Exemption Number 2007-50).

ODOT is requesting the exemption to allow the use of an alternative procurement method known as "Design-Build", in which teams of designers and constructors compete for a single contract to design and build the project. Selection of the successful contracting team is by "Best Value", that is, evaluation and scoring of competing technical proposals, combined with comparison of price proposals.

Draft findings may be obtained from ODOT's Advanced Contracting Unit, 680 Cottage St NE, Salem OR 97301 (ph. 503.986.6639). Draft findings may also be viewed on ODOT's website at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OPD/DBprocurement.shtml#Link to Design Build Projects Under Procurement](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OPD/DBprocurement.shtml#Link_to_Design_Build_Projects_Under_Procurement)

Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing at the time and place stated above. Advance written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 5, 2007. Advance written comments should be addressed to:

"Comments on Draft Findings – Exemption # 2007-50"  
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