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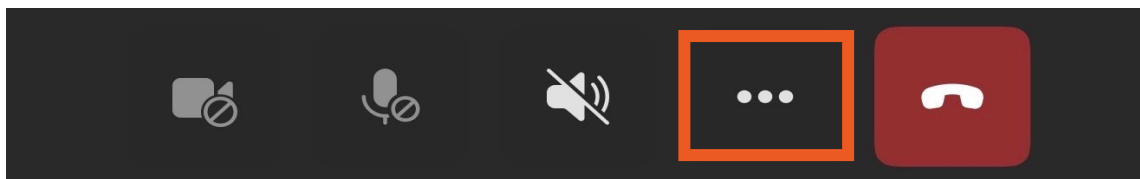
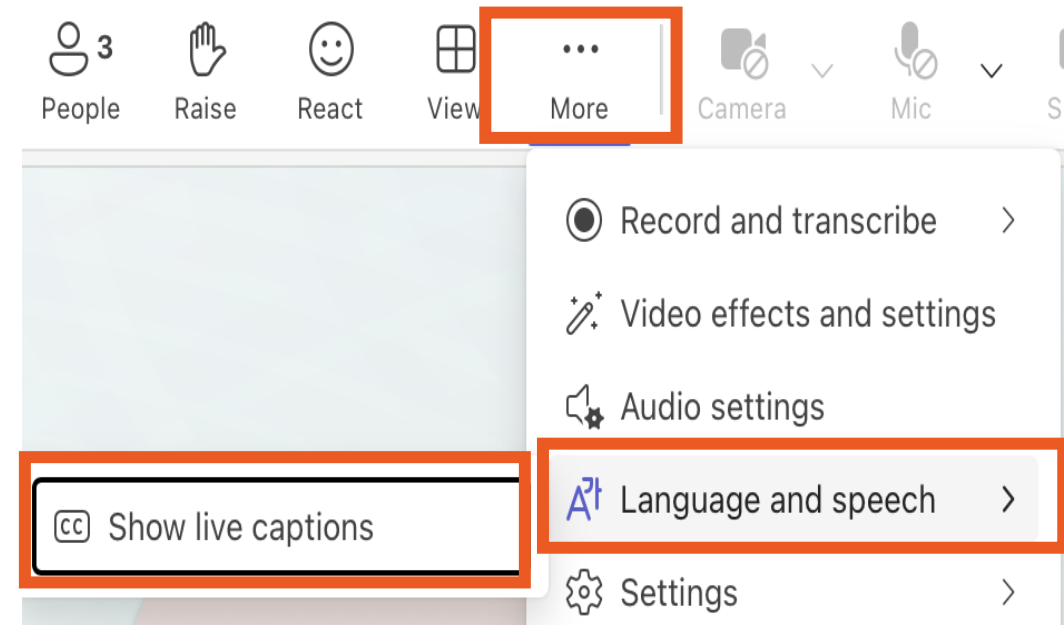
**Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
Catalyst Awards – Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP)
Overview**

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What We Will Cover This Session

-  Welcome & RHT Program Background
-  Catalyst Awards - RFGP Overview & Key Information
-  Submission Documents
-  Where to find the RFGP
-  Expectations for technical assistance and communications
-  What to submit via OregonBuys
-  What to submit via Smartsheet
-  Common errors + how to start your proposal



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RHT Program Background

Background

- H.R. 1, the Trump Administration’s federal budget reconciliation bill, was signed into law on July 4, 2025, introducing an estimated \$15 billion in cuts to federal funding from Oregon for health insurance coverage, food benefits, and other programs.
 - H.R. 1 establishes a **one-time, five-year** Rural Health Transformation Program , which makes funding available to states for health-related activities supporting rural communities and rural health system transformation.
 - **Federal funding through RHTP is not intended to offset H.R. 1 Medicaid cuts.**
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is charged with administering the program as a cooperative agreement.

CMS announced \$50B in awards to all 50 states

- On 12/29/25, CMS announced all 50 states will receive awards
- In 2026, first-year awards across states average \$200M, ranging \$147M to \$281M
- **Oregon is receiving \$197.3M in 2026 for Budget Year 1**
 - OHA submitted a revised budget on January 30, 2026
 - CMS approved the revised budget on February 18, 2026
 - **CMS unrestricted all funds on March 19, 2026**
- If approved for a similar amount in subsequent years, Oregon will receive an estimated \$1B over the five-year grant period

Oregon's Five Initiatives

Regional Partnerships & System Transformation	Healthy Communities & Prevention	Workforce Capacity & Resilience	Technology & Data Modernization	Tribal Initiative
<p>Focus on building rural regional networks and shared services to accelerate long-term sustainable strategies</p>	<p>Focus on scaling successful delivery models and creating new health access points to rural counties</p>	<p>Focus on developing a broad workforce from training to professional development programs</p>	<p>Focus on expanding and connecting rural health systems to needed technologies and data infrastructure</p>	<p>Focus on supporting the Tribes with improving health access and outcomes</p>
<p>Example Use of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional convenings & collaboratives Hub-and-spoke models Investment in Critical Access Hospitals Learning collaboratives Shared infrastructure, workforce, data Maternity care coalitions EMS modernization Standby Capacity Payments 	<p>Example Use of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding access points Social health services Behavioral health integration Non-traditional models of care (e.g., digital tools and mobile vans) Chronic disease prevention 	<p>Example Use of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residencies and fellowships Rural k-12 pathway programs Tele-mentoring and e-consults Training and certification of non-physician providers Recruitment incentives and family assistance 	<p>Example Use of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health IT system investments AI-enabled tech solutions Community-information exchange & closed-loop referrals Cybersecurity Technical assistance for IT implementation 	<p>Example Use of Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen Tribal Health Systems Facility & Infrastructure Behavioral health expansion “Grow Your Own” workforce programs Consumer-facing tech tools for managing chronic disease IT support and EHR upgrades



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Catalyst Awards

Request for Grant Proposals (RFGP)

Overview & Key Information

Catalyst Awards – RFGP Overview



Goal:

To elevate and support community driven “ready-to-go” projects for timely impact and to effectively utilize available funding



Approach:

Limited number of grant awards will be available (80 awards max)



Timeline:

Opened: April 10
Q&A Submission Period Closes: May 14 at 3PM
Proposal Submission Period: 46 Days
Closes: May 26 at 3PM PST/4PM MST
Awards Announced: Mid 2026

Where to Find the Catalyst Awards – RFGP

- **Can be searched for using the following information:**
 - **Name:** Catalyst Grants for the Rural Health Transformation Program
 - **OregonBuys Bid Number:** S-44300-00016498
- OregonBuys is where you will find the official solicitation (OregonBuys.gov)
 - OregonBuys is the online procurement system that Oregon uses to conduct business with organizations
 - In order to be able to receive funding, **organizations must register as a ‘supplier’** in OregonBuys (on home page, click ‘Supplier Registration’)
 - However, actual proposals **will not be submitted in OregonBuys and instead will be submitted through a link provided in the registration process**
- The official solicitation includes: RFGP document, Attachments, Forms, Addenda, Questions and Answers

Note: Always use the latest version from OregonBuys

What's Included in the Catalyst Awards - RFGP

Key Sections to Review First

- Program Purpose and Goals
- Eligible Entities
- Initiative Outcomes and Targets
- Funding Guidelines
- RFGP Process
- General Proposal Requirements
- Content and Form of Proposal
- Submission Process Details
- Proposal Review Process, including evaluation criteria and scoring rubric
- Terms & Conditions

Proposal Submission Documents

- Document A – Proposer Information and Certification Form
- Document B – Project Plan Narrative and Timeline Form
- Document C – Grant Budget Narrative
- Document F – Disclosure Exemption Statement

Where to Submit Forms and Information

- Organizations must submit all documents through [Smartsheet](#)
 - Step 1: You need to register as a supplier in OregonBuys
 - Step 2: Access the Smartsheet link (you do **NOT** need to create an account in Smartsheet) and submit documents through Smartsheet
- Smartsheet is more user-friendly and allows OHA to more quickly access applications
- To clarify, the RFGP can be found in OregonBuys but organizations will submit documents through Smartsheet.

Key Proposal Requirements



One proposal per lead organization



Up to 3 projects per proposal



Each project must align with:

One primary outcome
At least one target



Must serve rural Oregon



Note: 6.General Proposal Requirements, Page 22

Document A: Proposer Information and Certification Form

- **Submitted once per proposal** this document covers the following:

- Proposer contact information
- Proposer eligibility requirements
- Proposal compliance requirements
- Proposer responsibility inquiry form
- General proposal requirements
- Proposer organization description and capability
- Project overview

Note: For proposals including multiple projects, please use the same project titles and project numbers listed above throughout your additional project documents.

- Additional proposal requirements

Catalyst Awards – RFGP Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Must meet all proposer requirements
 - ✓ e.g., rural designation, eligible entity type)
- ✓ Must meet funding threshold requirements
 - ✓ minimum funding threshold of \$200,000 per project and maximum amount of \$5 million per overall proposal, which may include up to three projects
- ✓ Each organization may submit one proposal as the lead entity, but organizations may be listed as subrecipients in other proposals.
- ✓ Refer to the RFGP for full eligibility details

Carefully review all instructions in the RFGP to ensure your application is complete and compliant before submitting

Document B: Project Plan Narrative and Timeline Form

Document B must be completed for each project:

- Part 1: Project Plan Overview (Submitted in Smartsheet form)
- Part 2: Outcome + target selection (Submitted in Smartsheet form)
- Part 3: Project Plan Narrative questions (Submitted in Smartsheet form)
- Part 4: Project Partners (Uploaded to Smartsheet as attachment)
- Part 5: Project plan and timeline template (Uploaded to Smartsheet as attachment)

Note:

- *For each project, Proposers must use the same project title and project number from Document A throughout this form and all uploaded documents.*
- *Please submit the Proposer Information and Certification Form. After you submit that form, you will receive a separate Smartsheet link by email to upload Document B.*

Document C: Grant Budget Narrative

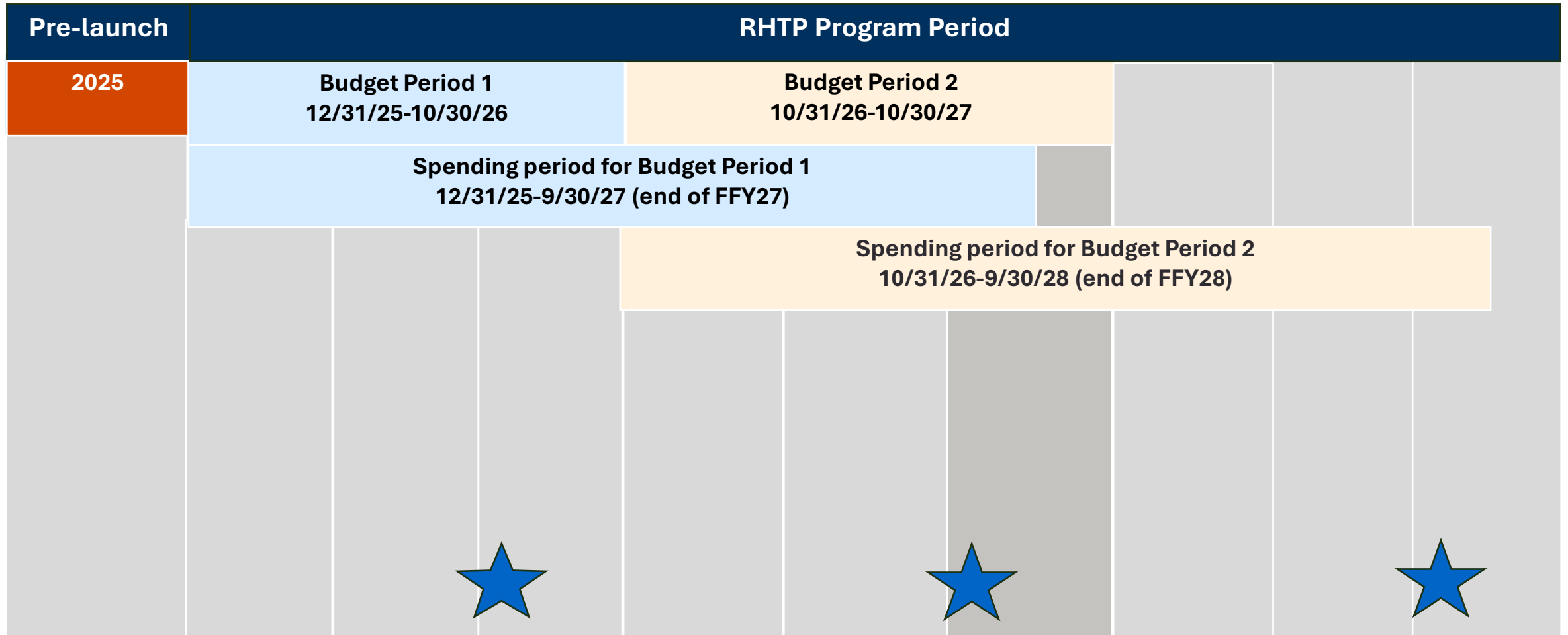
- **Document C must be completed for each project it includes:**
 - Proposer Contact Information
 - RHTP programmatic alignment
 - Activities and Deliverables Table: *Note: This information should exactly match the information provided in Part 3 of the Project Plan and Timeline Form.*
 - Personnel (Salaries) Budget
 - Fringe benefits Budget
 - Travel Budget
 - Equipment Budget
 - Supplies Budget
 - Consultants/Subrecipients/Contractual Costs
 - Other Budget: This budget is for items not included in the previous budget categories.

Catalyst Awards – RFGP Budget Requirements

- Costs must be allowable and align with project activities; allowable costs can be found in the RFGP
- You must include a separate budget for each separate project in your proposal
- Ensure consistency between budget and narrative
- Refer to the RFGP for full Budget Requirements.

Carefully review all instructions in the RFGP to ensure your application is complete and compliant

RHTP Spending Timeline: Catalyst Award RFGP



Start Here

THE STATE OF OREGON
OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY
ISSUES THE FOLLOWING



REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

RFGP # 6244

(OregonBuys Bid # S-44300-000#####):

Catalyst Grants for the
Rural Health Transformation Program

Date of Issuance: April 10, 2026

OPENING DATE AND TIME (PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME):

MAY 26, 2026 at 3:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Proposal Delivery Submission Process: See Section 8. below.

Single Point of Contact (SPC): John F. Gardner, Procurement & Contract Specialist

Office: Office of Contracts and Procurement (OC&P)

Email: john.f.gardner@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Phone: 503-509-5698

How to Start Your Proposal

- Review the full RFGP document before beginning
- Identify how your project aligns with RHTP goals and outcomes
- Confirm eligibility and key requirements
- Begin outlining your proposal components (narrative, budget, partners)
- Gather required organizational information and documents
- Note: *Start early and work directly from the RFGP instructions to ensure alignment*



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Budget vs. Funding Overview

Catalyst Awards – RFGP Funding Overview

Funding Parameters

- Project minimum: \$200K per budget period
- Proposal maximum: \$5M per budget period
- Must align scope with funding

Budget Expectations



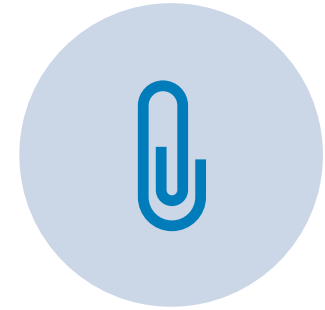
MUST ALIGN WITH
PROJECT ACTIVITIES



FOLLOW ALLOWABLE
COST GUIDELINES



ENSURE ACCURACY AND
CONSISTENCY



APPENDIX 2- ALLOWABLE
USE OF FUNDS + SECTION 4
OF RFGP

Common Mistakes

Common Errors to Avoid

- Missing required forms or attachments
- Exceeding word and/or character counts
- Inconsistencies between the narrative and budget
- Not following instructions outlined in the RFGP
- Submitting materials in the wrong location or format

Carefully review all instructions and requirements before submitting your application

Before submitting your proposal, double check OregonBuys for the latest version of the RFGP



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OregonBuys vs Smartsheet

Where Things Happen (OregonBuys vs. Smartsheet)

OregonBuys

- Access the official RFGP solicitation
- View updates and addenda
- Monitor for changes throughout the application period

Smartsheet

- Submit required application components
- Submit questions during the defined question period

Both systems are required as part of the application and funding process

How to Submit Questions

- All questions must be submitted through the official [Smartsheet](#)
- Questions will be accepted during a defined submission period
- Responses will be:
 - Compiled and reviewed
 - Shared publicly
 - Linked through OregonBuys
- We are not able to respond to individual or project-specific questions outside of this process

Expectations: What We Can and Can't Do

We CAN:

- Clarify process and timelines
- Point you to relevant sections of the RFGP
- Restate information already published

We CANNOT:

- Advise on proposal content or strategy
- Confirm eligibility or project fit
- Review or provide feedback on applications

All official guidance will be shared through published materials and the formal Q&A process

What to Do Now

1

Review the full RFGP document

2

Confirm supplier registration in OregonBuys

3

Identify project leads and partners

4

Begin outlining your proposal

5

Gather required documents and information

Important Reminder

- This is a formal procurement process
- All applicants must receive the same information
- We are not able to provide:
 - Individual guidance
 - Proposal-specific feedback
 - Eligibility determinations

All questions must be submitted through the official Smartsheet process



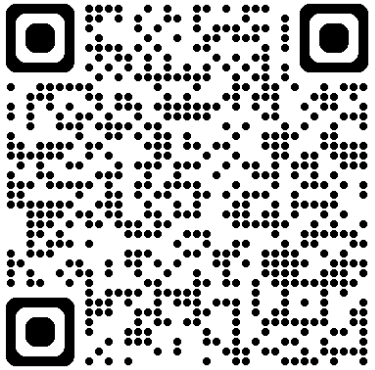
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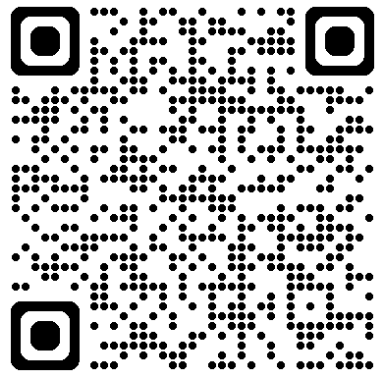
Communication

Newsletter



- Visit our home page:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/hp/pages/rural-health-transformation.aspx>



- Sign up for bimonthly newsletter:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORHA/subscriber/new?topic_id=ORHA_209

Next Communications

- Details on the Catalyst Awards RFGP will be shared via OregonBuys
- **Next Webinar Date:**
 - Date: TBD, Early June
- Look out for upcoming program communication on the home page and in our RHTTP newsletter



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Q&A

OregonBuys Support Resources

Register as a Supplier: Step-by-step instructions for creating an OregonBuys supplier account

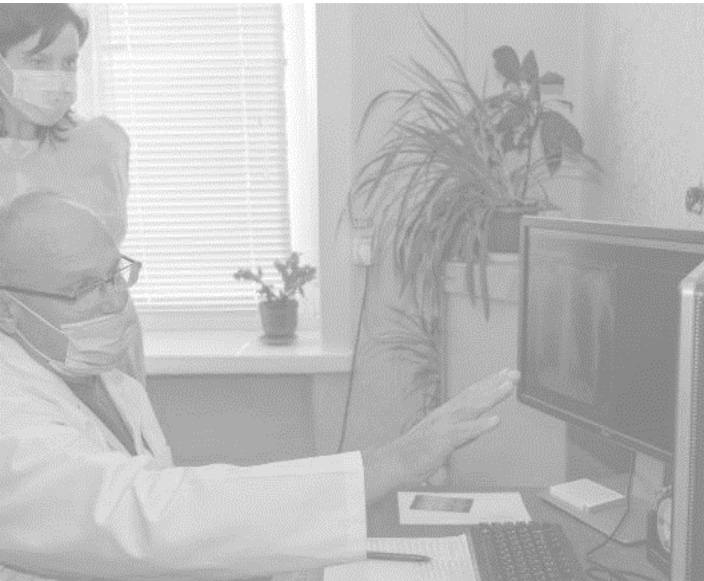
- <https://www.oregon.gov/das/ORBuys/Documents/OrBuysSupplierRegistrationSteps.pdf>

Supplier FAQ: Answers to common questions about registration, navigation, and system use

- <https://www.oregon.gov/das/ORBuys/Pages/Supplier-FAQ.aspx>

Supplier Resources: Additional tools, training materials, and support for OregonBuys suppliers

- <https://www.oregon.gov/das/ORBuys/Pages/supplierresources.aspx>



Thank You for Attending

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