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YAMHILL COUNTY LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD COVERSHEET

DATE: February 18, 2021
TO: Local Contract Review Board
FROM: Mark Lago, Public Works Director
RE: Approval of a sole source procurement under ORS 279B.075 to purchase material for a railroad crossing on Briedwell Road

BACKGROUND:

Public Works has identified an upcoming 2021-22 overlay project that crosses the Portland Western (P&W) railroad track west of Amity on Briedwell Road.

The County Public Works contacted P&W Railroad to discuss how to get crossing panels installed. P&W said that if the County purchases the materials, they will install them. This partnership works well with other counties. P&W reviewed the site conditions, priced out materials, and provided the County with the wholesale total price of \$29,378.20 for a crossing of 57 feet (See material list below). P&W stated that the quoted material prices are substantially lower than a rail contractor. For example, recently a 60-foot crossing from a general contractor was quoted at \$160,000.

1. Omega Industries (Only maker of the crossing panels) Price Quote: **\$23,366.88**



2. Harmer Steel Co. IQ Rail (Req. for new rubber seals) Price Quote: **\$6,011.32**

The Cost to the County is \$29,378,20

There are no labor costs added to this price – P&W donating the labor and equipment.

Public Works staff have researched the availability of the crossing panels from other sources and have determined that Omega Industries is the only maker of these panels in our area. Acquiring these panels from Omega will not negatively impact competition or result in favoritism given the fact that, to the best of our knowledge, there are no other providers of the same or similar materials in our area, these panels are available at a significant cost savings and (3) this sole source acquisition is in the best interests of the County and the department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve this sole source procurement, as authorized by ORS 279B.075, by the Public Works Director to purchase the above described crossing panel materials for the railroad crossing on Briedwell Road.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Request appropriation authority in Fund 11 that has sufficient funds to cover this expense in the approved 2020-21 budget.