

**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 680 Cottage Street NE, Salem, OR 97301 in Salem, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. 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 repairs project known as "I-5: Elkhead Rd. - OR126: Knowles Cr. (EKC) D/B Bundle 508 " on Interstate 5 between Yoncalla and Curtin, OR and on state highway OR126 between Eugene and Florence, OR located in Lane and Douglas Counties (Exemption Number 2008-50).

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 the ODOT Major Projects Branch, 680 Cottage St., NE, Salem OR 97301 (ph. 503.986.6936). Draft findings may also be viewed on ODOT's website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/MPB/>

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 Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Advance written comments should be addressed to:

"Comments on Draft Findings – Exemption # 2008-50"
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