

Public Contracting in Oregon – Breaking the code

Did you know that Public Contracting is the only subject in Oregon state law that requires four entire chapters in the statutes? Understanding how to apply the public contracting code and making sense of the relationships between statutes and administrative rules really can be as confusing as trying to interpret a secret code or cypher in some spy thriller. Breaking the code, as the title says, might be a little bit of an exaggeration. But this course will have a go at taking some solid chips off the edges. While this course won't transform attendees into procurement specialists, it will assist board members, staff, and operators in gaining insight into what makes up the code and provide an understanding of some of the complexities of the code, how to apply selected provisions they are most likely to use and point out some pitfalls to avoid. For attendees that have worked in public contracting, the materials include some of the latest updates. In the end, whether new to public contracting and needing to know how to get started or for folks in need of a refresher, this course will expose attendees to tools that help chip away at the complexities of the Oregon Public Contracting Code.

Schedule:

December 17, 2024

9:00 am -12:00 pm Course Content

- Understanding Public Contract Law – 15 minutes
 - Who is Subject to Public Contracting Law?
 - What laws and regulations make up the code?
 - Why is government contracting so complex?
 - What is a Public Contract?
- General Information - 10 Minutes
 - Exceptions to Public Contracting
 - Roles in Public Contracting
 - Definitions for Procurement
- Attorney General Model Rules VS Adoption of Rules by Entity 10 Minutes
- Methods of Procurement – Goods and Services 20 Minutes
 - Non-Competitive
 - Open Market – Goods and Services
- Elements of Procurement Process - 25 Minutes
 - Planning
 - Scope of Work or Statement of Work
 - Pre-Solicitation Considerations
- ITB or RFP - 30 Minutes
 - Invitation to Bid
 - Request for Proposals
 - Similarities
 - Comparison
- Procurement Processes - 50 Minutes
 - ITB Process
 - RFP Process
 - A&E Procurement
 - Alternative Construction Contracts
- Build America Buy America/American Iron and Steel - 10 Minutes
- Lessons & Resources 10 Minutes