



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

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As most of you are aware, the Attorney General (“AG”) is required to consult with certain state government officials, representatives of county and city governments, representatives of school boards and other knowledgeable persons before adopting or amending the Model Public Contracting Rules (OAR Chapter 137, Divisions 46, 47, 48 and 49) that specify procedures for public contracting under the Public Contracting Code and that are appropriate for all contracting agencies to use (“Model Rules”).

Following the 2023 Legislative Session, the AG formed a Model Rules drafting team (“Drafting Team”), and the Drafting Team has identified a limited number of amendments to the Model Rules which provide clarifying edits and address 2021 and 2023 legislation (“Amendments”). Summaries and working drafts of the Amendments are included herewith.

Please consider this e-mail as our invitation to you to be a member of the Department of Justice’s Rules Advisory Committee (“RAC”) on the Amendments. If you are aware of an individual, organization or community that is not included on this communication, and you believe they could provide valuable information on the proposed Amendments, please forward this e-mail accordingly.

If you are willing to serve on the RAC, please respond to 2023MRPublicContracting@doj.state.or.us by **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**, and:

- Confirm your RAC participation;
- Provide suggestions for any particular changes to the working drafts;
- Inform us on whether and to what extent our proposed Amendments will: (a) have a fiscal impact on state agencies, local government, or the public, and (b) have a significant adverse impact on small businesses; and
- Give your determination whether adoption of the Amendments will affect racial equity in this state.

We will be holding a RAC meeting on **Thursday, October 19, 2023**, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. to discuss both the proposed changes to the working drafts and the additional information requested above. The meeting will be held virtually. You may access the meeting via Microsoft Teams on your computer or mobile app by clicking the link at the bottom of this email or by visiting the AG’s Website at [Attorney General’s Model Public Contracting Rules Revisions - Oregon Department of Justice \(state.or.us\)](https://www.doj.state.or.us) and clicking on the link posted there.

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Thank you very much for your help. We look forward to working with you.

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