City of Oakridge

Sole Source Determination For Well No. 2 Telemetry Services to install a Down Hole Level Probe to Record Operational Water Level.

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Utilization of the Automation Group (TAG) only in a currently bid project involving refurbishment of Well No. 2, for level probe installation and associated telemetry services, is suitable for sole source procurement based upon ORS 279B.075(2)(a) and (b), "that the efficient utilization of existing goods requires the acquiring compatible goods or services" and "that the goods or services required to exchange software or data with other public or private agencies are available from only one source."

Specifically, the City of Oakridge is currently contracted with TAG to perform telemetry services of record for its water and sewer systems. Pursuant to this, TAG has developed and installed the controls system currently in use to operate the City's well field, including operation of Well No.2. As a result TAG is familiar with all required hardware and software necessary to install, program and test the required new level probe and integrate it into the City's operational SCADA system. Use of another controls contractor to perform these services would be inefficient and uneconomical, and from a practical standpoint, difficult for both the City Staff and Well contractor to work with in an efficient manner. In addition, TAG has performed all Controls work on the City's water system telemetry system since 2005, and therefore has a reasonable probability of remaining the telemetry operator of record for the foreseeable future to offer support and repair of the Well No. 2 water level probe system, so this work will be continue to be supported properly in the future.