



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 2, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to Award Contract to E2 Solar for Design-Build Solar PV System and related services at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Document No. 2024-811, a Notice of Intent to Award Contract to E2 Solar.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 279C.527-528) requires that public entities spend 1.5% of the total contract price of a public improvement contract for new construction projects costing \$5 million or greater on green energy technology or an alternative. Green energy technology includes solar technology such as photovoltaic systems. A photovoltaic (PV) solar technology system is proposed as part of the Courthouse Expansion project to comply with the 1.5% green energy technology requirement. Due to limitations of the Courthouse site and roof area, the system is proposed to be constructed at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center.

On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 staff presented the Design-Build Findings of Fact. The Board then approved Order No. 2024-028 exempting the Solar PV System project from competitive bidding and authorizing the use of design-build services of contracting for the Solar PV System. The Facilities Department issued a publicly advertised RFP for a Design-Build Contractor for the Solar PV Project in accordance with ORS 279C.400 – 279C.410. Seven responsive proposals were reviewed by a scoring committee made up representatives from the Fair and Expo Center and the Facilities Department.

E2 Solar, a firm that operates in Bend, was the highest scoring proposer and the review committee recommends the selection of E2 Solar as the Design-Build Contractor for the solar project. If no protests are submitted, the County will administratively enter into a contract with E2 Solar.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The cost of the Solar PV system project is budgeted within the Courthouse Expansion project.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Lee Randall, Facilities Director

Eric Nielsen, Capital Improvement Manager

Wayne Powderly, Cumming Group