

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 02-058

Approving a Joint Multnomah County and City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Strategy to Balance Environmental Issues with Economic and Equity Issues in the Expenditures of Public Funds Promoting the Long Term Interests of the Community

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a) To achieve a sustainable community, Multnomah County must balance environmental, economic and social equity values in the procurement of goods and services.
- b) Multnomah County values procurement actions that reduce adverse impacts and effects on our natural capital base and on the health and safety of our employees and the public.
- c) Multnomah County values a strong, varied, adaptive, and diverse contracting economy that provides employment and training for all individuals.
- d) An evaluation of alternatives is required to review and make recommendations for changes in how particular commodities are purchased.
- e) All decisions should be evaluated with the standard of investing funds wisely today and in the future. Wherever possible, more than the initial purchase price should be considered in the evaluation of goods and services such as evaluating the full life cycle cost of the purchase including maintenance, disposal, or other costs.
- f) Multnomah County and the City of Portland have assumed leadership roles in working together to identify a strategy to develop recommendations that would balance environment, economics and equity issues with our procurement decisions.
- g) In April 2001 by Resolution No. 01-052, Multnomah County adopted a joint Global Warming Action Plan with the City of Portland that includes actions addressing purchase of recycled content products and energy efficient equipment and vehicles.
- h) In January 2002, the Board approved Ordinance No. 972 to establish the Sustainable Development Commission to “advise and make recommendations to the Jurisdictions’ governing bodies on policies and programs to create sustainable communities and to encourage sustainable development.”
- i) This strategy is consistent with Resolution No. 01-052 and Ordinance No. 972 in recommending a sustainable procurement strategy that reduces greenhouse gases and promotes sustainable communities.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Board approves the attached Sustainable Procurement Strategy to partner with the City of Portland and advance sustainable purchasing decisions that promote the long-term interests of the community.

ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Diane M. Linn, Chair

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