

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY

WHEREAS, the current economic downturn is having a critical impact on citizens of Albany who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult economic environment; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our city, state, and country are the taxpayers who will provide the revenue needed to fund or repay current economic stimulus proposals; and

WHEREAS, Congress has approved, and President Obama has signed into law, an economic recovery package that will provide taxpayer-funded economic recovery projects that will provide billions of dollars to help cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other projects that are hoped to stimulate the manufacturing sector of our economy; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the economic stimulus funding is to encourage the economic recovery of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of local, state, and national goods and the employment of local, state, and national service providers can provide significant advantages and savings and reduce the environmental costs of long distance transportation of raw material and/or manufactured goods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Albany that City staff is directed as follows:

1. In taking advantage of federal stimulus funding opportunities, consideration should be given to advantages in quality and cost savings that can be achieved through the purchase of goods from local, regional, and national providers;
2. In contracting for public services to be funded with economic stimulus money, consideration is to be given to the added values of local knowledge, shorter response times, and high professional standards which may be achieved through the engagement of local, regional, and national service providers;
3. Consideration in the awarding of public contracts to be funded with economic stimulus money, should be given to energy and environmental savings which may be achieved through the engagement of local, regional, and national suppliers of goods and services through the reduction in carbon emissions required for long distance transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, as a political subdivision of the state of Oregon, the City is required to observe all local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and ordinances concerning public purchasing and nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize, encourage, or request, any violation of these laws, regulations, or ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution is solely intended for the internal purposes of the City of Albany and does not provide a basis for any third party claims or rights or impose upon the City of Albany, any duty with regard thereto.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2009.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
  
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City Clerk