



# Oregon

## Department of Administrative Services Overview of Changes & Public Contracting Law

House Consumer Protection & Government Efficiency Committee

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# DAS Mission

- We serve state government to benefit the people of Oregon
  - Implement decisions of policy makers,
  - Lead on behalf of the enterprise,
  - Partner with our customers to achieve outcomes,
  - Deliver the best value for every dollar spent.



# DAS Goals

## Policy

- Effective, high-quality leadership, governance, and oversight

## Service

- The right service, at the right time, for the right price

## Agency-wide

- A knowledgeable, skilled, diverse and engaged workforce



# DAS Strategies

## Policy

- Implement a shared leadership model of governance
- Advocate for effective policies & remove barriers

## Service

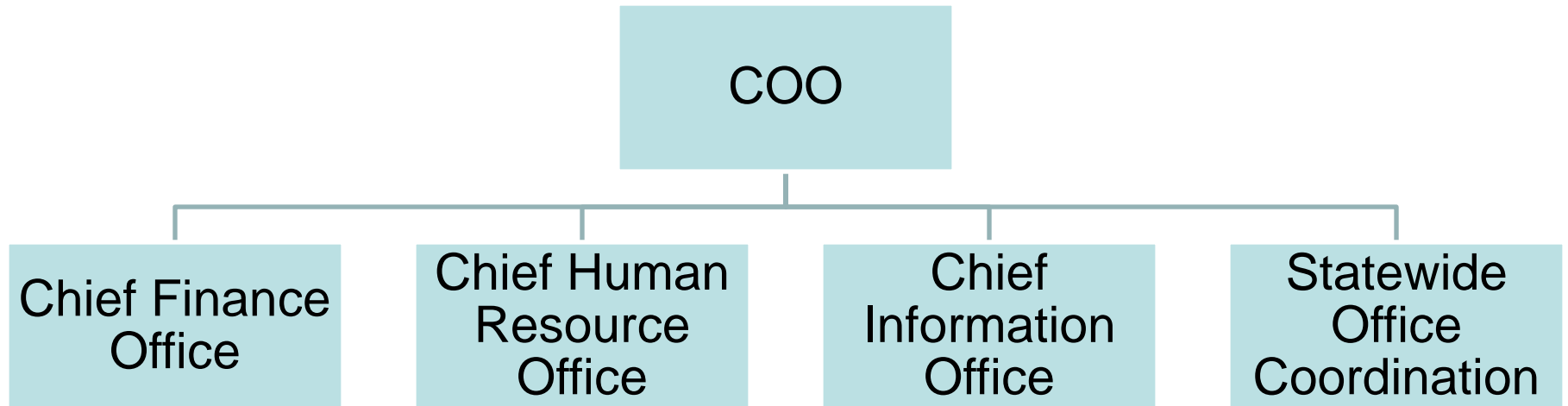
- Provide choices to customers with regard to service delivery

## Agency-wide

- Provide a culture of continuous improvement
- Invest in our employee's development



# Statewide Policy Functions



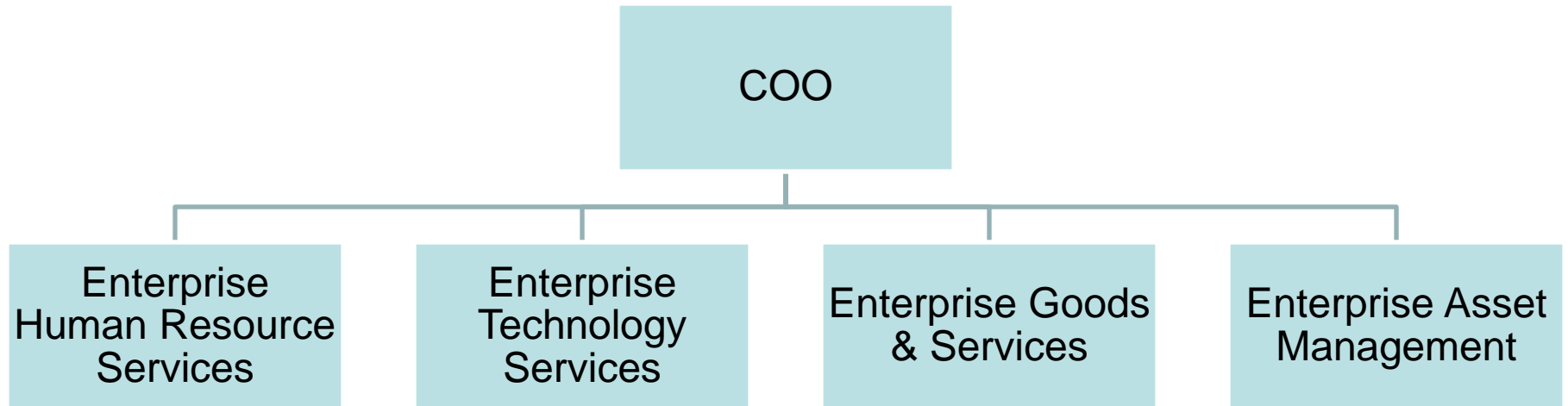


# Why Coordinate Policy Functions?

- Simplify policies;
- Remove barriers to agency's business operations;
- Provide consistency for implementation;
- Solve problems without creating formal policies; and
- Don't just enforce compliance, but win it.



# Statewide Service Functions





# Customer Utility Boards (CUB)

- Provide DAS customers with a meaningful voice in the cost, type, quality and quantity of services delivered.
- Serves as a forum to recognize and respond to customer needs as well as provide a communication channel.
- Consists of representative customers with statewide perspective; chaired by customer





# Customer Utility Boards (CUB)

- Authority includes:
  - Approving rate-setting methodologies and resulting rates
  - Approving general service level agreements
  - Reviewing business plans and annual financial statements
  - Resolving service complaints



# Public Contracting Law

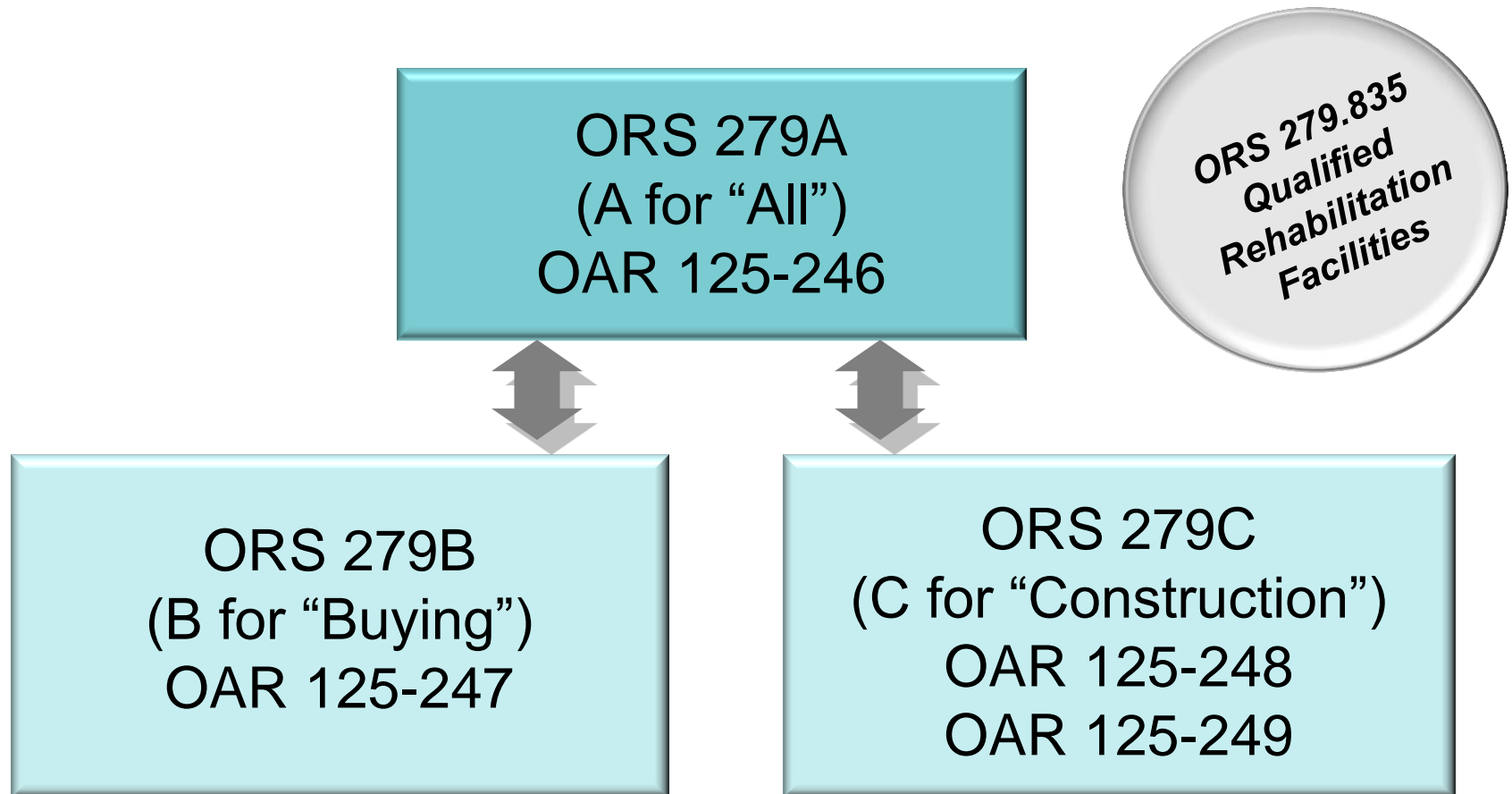
## Goal of Public Procurement

“The goal of public procurement is to satisfy the customer by obtaining the optimum market response... at a fair and reasonable price with exactly what is needed (i.e., quality) and when it is needed (i.e., timeliness), while serving the long-term interests of the government by minimizing business and technical risks, accomplishing socio-economic objectives, maximizing competition, and maintaining integrity.”

~ Prof. Khi Thai, Florida Atlantic University



# Oregon Public Contracting Code





# The Procurement System

## **A Picture of Oregon's System (Handout)**

- Agencies are under or outside of ORS 279ABC (Public Contracting Code)
- Agencies are State or Local Government
- Agencies are under DAS Rules, DOJ Rules, the Agencies' Rules, or a combination



# Authority: Who May Procure

**ORS 279A.140:** DAS shall conduct all procurements for state agencies unless delegated by DAS or ORS 279A.050 applies

**ORS 279A.050** describes agencies who may conduct specific procurements (exceptions), and laws specifically authorizing agencies to enter into contracts



# Methods: How to Procure

- Supplies and Services (ORS 279B)  
Seven Methods: Small, Intermediate, Formal Bidding or Proposals, Sole-Source, Emergency, and Special Procurement
- Public Improvements (ORS 279C)  
Bidding, Alternative Method (Exemption)
- Professional Services, A&E (ORS 279C)  
Qualifications: direct, informal, formal



# Procurement Preferences

- A “Preference” means an advantage given to offerors in a competition for contract award which may be granted based on pre-established criteria.
- An absolute preference means the contract is awarded without competition.
- (Handout)



# Closing Remarks

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