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The Honorable Chair Paul Holvey and members of the House Business and Labor Committee

RE: HB 4127

Dear Representative Holvey and Committee Members:

Anderson Engineering and Surveying Inc. has been in operation in Lakeview, Oregon since 1983. We employee 5 full time and two-part time employees, and provide engineering and surveying services in south eastern Oregon. Although our firm is small it is a very important part of the small rural community of Lakeview and surrounding area. Our payroll and community involvement are vital to the Rural area of Oregon.

We are currently working on projects in Merrill, Crescent, Lakeview, and Malin. Some of this work was procured under existing Qualifications Based Selection Process. We feel the Existing law helps us compete with Larger firms, due to our unique understanding of the needs and conditions of the communities in rural Oregon. We live here and have better understanding of communities and agencies needs and abilities. Sometimes a project needs a different approach to make it operable for the agency and cheaper in the life of the system. Quick cheap designs do not always meet this criterion. I know of two communities that had bad results of cheap costs for design services. One is living with the problems now and the other had to re-do the work with another consultant.

Small Rural communities and agencies do not have large contracting and administrative staffs to help with this and they rely on their consultant to provide sometimes much more than just design.

For this reason, we oppose HB4127. Please remember Rural Oregon has a stake in this also.

Please feel free to Contact me if you have any questions.

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