

# House Bill 2852

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells state agencies to try to contract with bidders who agree to help with emergency readiness. The Act tells ODEM to start a program to certify such bidders. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.7).

Directs contracting agencies to give preference to a bidder or proposer who is certified by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management as an emergency preparedness partner.

Directs the department to establish a program for certification of business organizations as emergency preparedness partners. Provides that organizations shall be certified if a minimum number of individuals in the organization complete the required training and meet other requirements.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to emergency preparedness public contracting preferences.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 279A.**

4 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding provisions of law that require a contracting agency to**  
5 **award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder or best proposer or provider of a quotation,**  
6 **a contracting agency shall give preference to a bidder or proposer who is certified by the**  
7 **Oregon Department of Emergency Management as an emergency preparedness partner un-**  
8 **der section 3 of this 2025 Act.**

9 **SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Department of Emergency Management shall develop and**  
10 **administer a program for the certification of organizations as emergency preparedness**  
11 **partners. Pursuant to the program:**

12 **(a) Organizations doing business in Oregon with a workforce of at least five individuals**  
13 **may apply to the department for certification.**

14 **(b) The department shall certify an organization if at least five individuals in the organ-**  
15 **ization, or 10 percent of the individuals in the applicant's workforce, whichever is greater:**

16 **(A) Have successfully completed the training described in subsection (2) of this section;**  
17 **and**

18 **(B) Have registered with the department to perform emergency service activities, or are**  
19 **otherwise qualified emergency service volunteers, as defined in ORS 401.358.**

20 **(2)(a) The department shall establish training requirements for purposes of the program.**  
21 **The training must improve the ability of the individual receiving the training to assist pro-**  
22 **fessional first responders in short-term emergency response and recovery.**

23 **(b) The department may directly provide training or may approve courses offered by third**  
24 **parties, or both.**

25 **(c) The required training must include both practical and classroom components.**

26 **(d) The department may establish different training requirements for applicants in dif-**  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ferent industries.**

2 **(3) Organizations certified as emergency preparedness partners are eligible for public**  
3 **contracting preferences under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

4 **(4) The department may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.**

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