



September 10, 2026

The School Board, sitting as the local contract review board for the Ashland School District, is requested to consider an exemption from public bidding and use of an alternative contracting method for the Helman Elementary School Seismic Retrofit Project. ORS 279C, sets forth the process for a public agency's procurement of public improvement contracts, requiring public agencies to award contracts to the low-responsive bidder.

It is our perspective that the low bid process has inherent drawbacks which we believe may not align with the District's best interests.

We are requesting the School Board adopt an alternative contracting method as follows:

- Construction Manager|General Contractor (CM|GC).

At the September 10, 2026 meeting, the Findings of Fact for this project will be presented to the School Board for review, comment, and approval. We will request the School Board to take action to approve the use of the CM|GC Alternative Contracting Method.