



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW QBS LAW**

As of January 1, 2006, Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) will be required on all state agency projects and on local government projects that meet the following project size thresholds:

### **HB 3272-A will:**

**Require QBS for all local government projects in Oregon that are more than \$900,000 and have at least 10% state funding participation in the project's overall cost. *If the project falls below these thresholds then local governments may use any selection process they deem appropriate.***

The passage of HB 3272-A is a significant step in the evolution of QBS in Oregon. In 1997 ACEC Oregon passed the requirement for QBS at the state agency level; in 2001 the local government provision with a sunset clause was added and in 2005 the sunset was removed and slight changes were made to the funding thresholds. We need to continue to educate local governments and other partners about the value of this procurement selection process.