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Consulting firm chosen for e-permitting study

A subcommittee of the legislative workgroup whose task is to oversee the selection and work product of the consultant has selected a consulting firm, Willamette Consulting / Eclipse Solutions. The firm will research options for a statewide interoperable e-permitting system.

Willamette Consulting is a local provider of IT consulting services and solutions to public sector clients in Oregon and Washington. Willamette was established as an Oregon corporation in 1999 by Big-6 state and local government IT consulting veterans. They have established a successful track record of helping state agencies leverage IT solutions and business process improvements.

Eclipse is a leading provider of IT consulting services and solutions to state and local government on the west coast. A California corporation, Eclipse was established in 1997. Eclipse employs a customer-centric partnership model, focused on long-term customer solutions. Eclipse has a history of year-over-year growth, currently employing over 85 consultants.

The consultant's task is to identify plan review, e-permitting and inspection-tracking requirements and local capabilities. The consultant's analysis and report will include:

- Software options for a statewide system
- A project plan
- Start-up and maintenance costs

The consultant's final report is due in July 2006, and any recommendations will be included in the work group's report to the Legislature.

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