

# Columbia County Assessor

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Date: Dec. 13, 2010

To: Whom it may concern

From: Joe Flori, Chief Cartographer

Re: Letter of recommendation and support for Johnson Land Surveying, Inc.  
10185 SW Hoodview Dr.  
Tigard, OR 97224

Columbia County is approaching the end of a multi-year project to build it's first GIS base map. It is comprised of our Assessor's tax lot maps which are being remapped for this purpose.

For us, the most critical step in doing so is collecting control necessary to enable us to COGO our Surveys, Plats and tax lots to at a minimum meet ORMAP Goal 4 accuracy standards.

The control is established by collecting GPS coordinates on existing Survey monuments that have been selected as best suited to tie the other Surveys, Plats and records together in doing that COGO work.

Rather than mapping the entire county at once, Columbia County broke this GIS project into ten geographic project areas called Phases.

Columbia County has contracted with several private Oregon Land Surveyors to determine and collect the control necessary to complete a Phase, whom had successfully bid to work that Phase.

Not all Surveyors have returned satisfactory work, some kept raising their prices until they became unaffordable and some quit in the middle of a Phase stating they had not anticipated all the work, time and Survey research required to complete a contract.

Johnson Land Surveying, Inc. first successfully bid and completed our Phase 6 project. By the time we were preparing to solicit bids for Phase 7, we were so impressed with how skillful and conscientious this contractor was, the quality and affordability of their work and how well that were able to comprehend and provide for our needs that we were hoping beyond hope they would submit the winning bid our Phase 7. They did and they kept impressing us. So much so that when it came time to prepare for soliciting bids for our Phase 8 project, Columbia County decided change our contractor selection methodology and awarded Johnson Land Surveying, Inc. sole provider status and have not regretted doing so.

Because of the quality and professional nature of the work completed by Johnson Land Surveying, we offer the highest recommendation for anyone desiring to employ this company.