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Fiscal Rules rulemaking

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Mr. Platt,

I am writing on behalf of the Colorado Dept. of Transportation (CDOT), Right-of-Way (ROW) Program-Appraisal Unit, concerning the rulemaking hearing May 2 on the Fiscal Rules.

This simply to state that CDOT's Appraisal Program unit, which as part of its work across Colorado engages contract real estate appraisers to appraise property that CDOT needs to purchase for transportation projects, supports the proposed change in the Fiscal Rules that would raise the threshold at which a state contract is required for the purchase of goods or services from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

This also will likely benefit other aspects of CDOT's ROW Program, as well as other CDOT divisions and other state agencies, however, I do not write with authority on their behalf.

This will allow more services engagements to be accomplished using more simple state procurement processes that will benefit both state agencies and their contractors in getting work engaged, approved and accomplished more quickly, efficiently, and elegantly.

The "time-value of money" means that over time the \$100,000 threshold becomes a lower and lower bar at which state agencies and their contractors must go through the more involved processes, approvals, signatures and scrutiny that contracting requires above that threshold, to uncertain benefit at lower dollar levels. Raising the contract threshold to \$150,000 is both effective and appropriate at this time.

Sincerely,

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