Recommendation Status

FY 2009-10 Reports

Portland job creation and stimulus: Construction spending is up, while actual job creation remains unknown (Report 388) – 6/28/10

We recommend:

1. City Procurement Services staff continue to implement and refine a reliable method of calculating actual jobs created. Implemented

2. Procurement Services and BDS continue efforts to speed the processing of contracts and permits as the economy improves. Implemented

Emergency Management: Coordination limited and essential functions incomplete (Report 389) – 5/24/10

We recommend that the Mayor direct the Portland Office of Emergency Management to:

1. Review and document the governance structure, roles and responsibilities, and operating principles for the City's emergency management program, including POEM and bureau advisory committees. Implemented

2. Complete a city-wide risk assessment that includes an evaluation of threats, vulnerabilities, and internal weaknesses. Based on the risk assessment, complete a strategic plan to define emergency management goals. Implemented

3. Define the scope of the City's emergency planning, and document the process for plan development, approval, and review. Implemented

4. Document and implement a needs-based training and exercise program. Implemented

5. Define the strategy for public education. Implemented

6. Develop policies for clear and consistent use of emergency public information tools. Implemented

7. Complete and implement the Emergency Coordination Center operating procedures. Implemented
Portland Police Bureau: Drug training aid procedures strengthened, recently improved practices should continue (Report 391) – 5/20/10

We recommend the Commissioner in Charge, through the Portland Police Bureau Drugs and Vice Division:

1. Adopt the proposed Standard Operating Procedure with minor modifications Implemented
2. Improve implementation practices and monitoring Implemented

Sheltered Market Program: Need for clearer focus and stronger management (Report 379) – 1/6/10

We recommend the City Council:

1. Move responsibility for the Sheltered Market Program to a bureau, or bureaus, that are separate and independent from the Bureau of Purchases. Program eliminated
2. Ensure that a more systematic strategy is adopted for developing the skills of Sheltered Market contractors. Program eliminated
3. Ensure that better systems are developed for tracking and reporting program performance and for monitoring contractor compliance with program requirements. Program eliminated
4. Use the new disparity study as an opportunity to clarify the purpose and focus of the Sheltered Market Program. Regardless of the focus Council selects, it must ensure that the program’s goals are clear to participating contractors and the public, and that progress in achieving the stated goals is tracked and reported. Program eliminated

Federal Stimulus: Portland well-positioned to receive funds and meet requirements (Report 387) – 9/10/09

We recommend:

1. Staff must continue to make progress in implementing a system to meet the federal reporting requirements Implemented
2. Staff must continue to make progress in developing and implementing a fraud reporting system Implemented

Fraud Reporting: Clarification of process and training needed (Report 374) – 9/9/09

We recommend the City Council:

1. Develop clear and consistent guidance to City officials about reporting implemented allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse. Update administrative rules and City Code of Ethics to ensure consistency with state ethics rules Implemented
2. Design and offer ethics and fraud training for City officials. In Process
3 Create a centralized, anonymous reporting mechanism and a team to receive, investigate and triage allegations of workplace fraud, waste, and abuse.

4 Develop clear and consistent guidance for City offices, bureaus and supervisors about receiving, handling and sharing allegations with the centralized team.