



State of Connecticut State Contracting Standards Board

MINUTES OF MEETING August 4, 2006

Attendees: Amalia Vazquez Bzdyra, Francis R. Coyle, Wendy Estela Scaringe, Gary Dilk, John M. Whitcomb, and Albert Ilg.

Chairperson Bzdyra called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

The minutes of the June 28, 2006 meeting was moved for approval by John M. Whitcomb, seconded by Gary Dilk and adopted unanimously.

The Chairperson led a discussion regarding the issues, topics and materials submitted to the Board during the two public hearings in July. The Board reviewed the following areas of interest and concern raised at the hearings:

- Minority suppliers and the set aside program
- Sub-contracting process
- Non-profit providers
- Union – privatization issues
- Higher Education
- Issues of other contracting agencies such as Insurance, Banking, etc...
- Municipal enforcement of set-aside program
- Enforcement and accountability issues in general
- Implementation of the procurement code
- Professionalism in the procurement field – setting a culture of inquiry and accountability
- Personal liability of agency heads
- Oversight of procurement process – continual improvement and periodic review

The Chairperson reported that the Department of Administrative Services issued a Request for Proposal for legal consulting and drafting services to assist the Board in drafting the uniform procurement code, which can be accessed through the Procurement Portal on the DAS website. The Chairperson also pointed out that the changes the Board requested to Executive Order 7b were incorporated in Executive Order 7c.

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The Chairperson reported that the Non-Profit Human Services Cabinet will be coming before the Board at the next meeting, and in upcoming meetings the Board is planning on inviting the Quasi-Publics and the Human Service Agencies to present their procurement policies and practices. The Chairperson then asked the members who else they would like to have come before the Board. The members responded with:

- Employees of the procurement workforce
- Procurement employees who are members of associations
- Municipal Officers
- The Attorney General or his staff
- A representative from the Adrian's landing project
- Personnel from the Department of Corrections

Board member Albert Ilg then requested that the Board establish a sub-committee that would set out to investigate what went wrong in the past where corruption took place. There was some discussion pertaining to the subcommittee and Frank Coyle moved that the Board form an Investigations Sub-committee for the purpose of investigating and reviewing past unauthorized and/or corrupt procurement behavior/practice.

John Whitcomb seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was some discussion of where the Board stood in reference to the timeline and project plan that was established in May. Beth Petroni was asked to update the timeline for the next meeting on August 23rd.

The next two meetings of the Board were set for Wednesday September 6th at 9:30 a.m. and Friday September 22 at 9:30 a.m. Both meetings will likely be held in the LOB with a room to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.