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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved Minutes

State Contracting Standards Board 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee

Special Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2016, 12:00 P.M.

999 Asylum Avenue, First Floor

Conference Room

Hartford, CT 06105

Members Present:

Robert Rinker, Chair

Stuart Mahler

Roy Steiner

Staff Present:

Julia Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer

David Guay, Executive Director

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 12:40 P.M. by Robert Rinker, Subcommittee Chair.

Chair Rinker allowed for the introduction of committee members, staff and the guests in attendance. The guests in attendance were Alyssa Goduti, President and CEO of CCFSA, and Kimberly Williams-Rivera, Director of Quality Assurance at CCFSA

2. Approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Meeting

Subcommittee Chair Rinker entertained a motion to approve the draft minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee.

Motion made by Roy Steiner and seconded by Stuart Mahler to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee. Stuart Mahler and Roy Steiner voted to approve and Robert Rinker abstained due to his absence at the April 28, 2016 meeting. The minutes of April 28, 2016 were approved.

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3. Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (CCFSA) contest

Chair Rinker opened discussion on the correspondence the Subcommittee received from the Department of Social Services (DSS) in response to the Subcommittee's decision letter of May 2, 2016.

Chair Rinker asked if Subcommittee members had any questions about the response from DSS and what is the Subcommittee's further action, if any. Chair Rinker summed up DSS' response as essentially no response. Mr. Rinker provided the Subcommittee his opinion on portions of Commissioner Bremby's response. Mr. Rinker also reviewed with the Subcommittee members the original scoring conducted by DSS.

Chair Rinker noted for the record that David Guay, Executive Director for the State Contracting Standards Board joined the meeting at 12:52 P.M.

Chair Rinker discussed the DSS response questioning the Subcommittee's decision and request to have the DSS Quality Assurance unit rescore the RFP and questioning the Subcommittee's authority to direct them to perform this rescore. Chair Rinker asked if the representatives of DSS at the last meeting were agreeable to the decision reached at the April 28, 2016 meeting. Both staff and Subcommittee members agreed that it was their understanding that the proposed decision was agreeable to the representatives of DSS.

Chief Procurement Officer Julia Marquis commented that the decision from April 28, 2016 was not meant to be final, but a step towards more information.

Further discussion held on the details of the scoring and the eight instances of one evaluator scoring the CCFSA bid as non-responsive or offering a low score due to the perception of an answer lacking, when the other two evaluators were able to score based on the CCFSA bid response.

Stuart Mahler added that he objects to the tone of the letter from Commissioner Bremby.

Discussion held on what action to take next. Chair Rinker suggested a very specific decision by the Subcommittee directing DSS to re-score, and if DSS decides not to rescore, then the matter will be brought before the full board for consideration of review, termination or recommendation to terminate the contract under C.G.S. 4e-7.

Motion made by Stuart Mahler and seconded by Roy Steiner that a letter be sent to DSS restating the authority by which the Subcommittee has reached its decision and that the Subcommittee is directing them to re-score the RFP. If DSS chooses not to re-score, the matter

will be referred to the full State Contracting Standards Board to consider options under C.G.S. 4e-7. Alternatively, the Subcommittee is happy to mediate the matter between the parties to settle and resolve the contest. All voted in favor.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by Roy Steiner and seconded by Stuart Mahler to adjourn at 1:20 P.M. All voted in favor.