



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Minutes

Friday, February 9, 2018 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Data Analysis Work Group
Fifth Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Alfred Bertoline, Chair
Bruce Buff – via conference phone
Donna Karnes
Albert Ilg
David L. Guay, Ex Officio

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Bertoline at 11:55 A.M.

2. Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting

Motion made by Donna Karnes and seconded by Bruce Buff to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board Data Analysis Work Group. All voted in favor.

3. Report on meetings and responses to Findings and Recommendations – Study of Competitive Bidding Practices

Chair Bertoline initiated discussion on the report, noting the approval by the full Board and the need to change the draft language to final language. Executive Director Guay discussed his efforts in making appointments for the Data Analysis Work Group with Legislative Leadership to discuss the report.

Chair Bertoline also initiated discussion on the drafting of an op-ed as discussed at the January meeting. Executive Director Guay explained he is still creating a draft for Al and Bruce.

Discussion held on how to best expose the report to the greatest audience was held. Al Ilg expressed that he has concluded that one group that should be spoken with is the Auditors of Public Accounts. Mr. Ilg expressed his desire to speak with them.

Chair Bertoline offered that maybe the Work Group can look back ten years of Auditors of Public Accounts recommendations on procurement and contracting, identify them and then go in and figure out why it wasn't implemented and compile those responses.

The Work Group continued discussion on next possible project, including looking at a single agency in greater detail.

The Work Group discussed talking points to take with for discussion with Legislative Leadership. Chair Bertoline expressed a desire for a cost benefit analysis. If the Board is funded at \$1,000,000 and the State saves \$264,000,000 there are real savings in funding the Board.

Executive Director Guay took the opportunity to remind the Work Group that the Board is an Executive Branch Agency and the Governor has the Constitutional right and duty to propose a budget for the Board to the Legislature and as an Executive Branch employee he has a duty to support the Governor's proposed budget.

In wrapping up discussion Chair Bertoline mentioned that another factor in what to study further is what we are missing. Mr. Ilg asked for and received a list from the Comptroller's Office for amounts expended against contracts for FY 17, but Chair Bertoline believes the list will still need to be refined to be useful to the Work Group. Chair Bertoline mentioned that another area of study is the cost effectiveness evaluations. Chair Bertoline concluded that there are so many areas ripe for study and disclosure.

4. Other Business

No other business raised.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Donna Karnes and seconded by Alfred Bertoline to adjourn. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Guay