PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (PIC)
June 11, 2024

Start Time: 1:03pm End Time: 1:56pm Location: Virtual

Members Present:

Acting Chair, DCPO	Wallace Sermons	**Senate Member Representative**	
State Treasurer, Designee, Deputy Treasurer	Cissy Blasi	**House of Delegates Member**	Delegate Ken Kerr
Chancellor USM, Designee	Tom Hickey	**Comptroller or Designee**	Thomas Brennan
Sec. DoIT, Designee	Carla Thompson	**Attorney General or Designee**	
Sec. MDOT, Designee, CPO	Valerie Radomsky	**Local Govt Member**	Ash Shetty
BPW Procurement Advisor	Gabe Gnall	**Social Services**	Nancy Hall
Special Sec. GOSBA, & Designee	Nichelle Johnson	**Social Services**	Sheryl Chapman
Sec. of Juvenile Serv., Designee, Procurement Director	Ronald Colbert	**Veteran Owned Business**	Joseph Giordano
Sec. Human Serv., Designee, Procurement Director	Nneka Willis-Gray	**General Public (w/State Proc. Exp.)**	
Sec. of Health, Designee, Procurement Director	Calvin Johnson / Alison Barry	**Minority Owned Business**	
Superintendent of Schools, Designee		**Minority Owned Business**	VACANT

Guests/Attendees:

Jasmine Clemons, Rachel Hershey, Ellen Robertson, Lauri McGuire, Valerie Green, Samantha Buchanan, Harris Floyd, Lisa Nissley, April Weimer, Danny Mays, Krystal Quinlan, Kim Pezza, Mark Riesett, Sophie Asike

DGS Office of State Procurement (OSP) Staff Present:

Jamie Tomaszewski, Judy Urban, Leslie Wodday, Shae Cronin, Yasin Mohammed, Kristina Libby-Hinton, Glen Hubbard

PIC Statutory Responsibilities -- The Council shall:

(1) Ensure that the State's procurement system is utilizing the most advanced procurement methods and management techniques, including policies, procedures, and forms for all procurement activity and contract management;

(2) Effect and enhance communication between State units on procurement matters, with an emphasis on disseminating information on current developments and advances in procurement methods and management;

(3) Provide a forum for the discussion of specific procurement issues and problems that arise, including:
- *i. Procurement officer training;*
- *ii. Risk analysis and insurance requirements;*
- *iii. Management of eMaryland Marketplace and other Internet procurement resources;*
- *iv. Use of eMaryland Marketplace and compliance with State Finance and Procurement Article (SFP) §17–502;*
- *v. Use of intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreements; and*
- *vi. Any other issues or problems identified by the Council;*

(4) Advise the Board on problems in the procurement process and make recommendations for improvement of the process;

(5) Review existing procurement regulations to:
- *i. determine whether they fulfill the intent and purpose of the law, especially as it relates to fostering broad–based competition; and*
- *ii. make recommendations on the regulations, if revising and restructuring them will result in easier understanding and use; and*

(6) Advise the General Assembly on proposed legislation in order to enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement

ITEM	AGENDA
1	Welcome & Member Attendance
2	Topics for Discussion
3	Open Discussion
4	Closing Remarks
5	Adjournment

Welcome:

Wallace Sermons, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Members and guests were asked to submit their name to the chat for attendance. (NOTE: Chat transcriptions are only available when the meeting is recorded)

Item A: Previous Meeting Summary

Discussed the possible need for two more Workgroups: Nonprofit Organizations and Contract Management, and asked for volunteers. *(See below, under Item D: Open Discussion, for the Non-Profit Workgroup handout with recommendations for the PIC on this new workgroup.)*

Item B: Workgroup Summaries

MBE Opportunities and Outreach Workgroup – Yasin Mohammed, OSP, and Valerie Radomsky, MDOT

See attached presentation

- Tom Hickey and Harris Floyd were past members and would like to be reinvited
- The outreach piece is missing from the presentation recap, will include next Quarter

Pay for Success (P4S) Workgroup – Jamie Tomaszewski

See attached presentation

- Working to create guidelines
- Samantha Buchanan would like to join the workgroup
- Delegate Kerr offered to help with legislation

Risk Management Workgroup – Judy Urban

See attached presentation

- Currently recruiting for workgroup participants
- Need to identify the risk to the state and prioritize
- Need to look at exposure rates
- Sheryl Chapman would like to join the workgroup

Item C: Maryland Procurement Academy (MDPA) Update – Shae Cronin

See attached presentation

Item D: Open Discussion

Jasmine briefed us on the Comptroller's Procurement Economy Report

The PIC Quarterly meetings will change to a one-hour meeting and the workgroups will get into the granular to present at the PIC meeting.

Wallace asked that anyone having useful "Best Practices" to please share with the PIC.

Non-Profit Workgroup – Calvin Johnson from MDH volunteered to be on the Workgroup; Nneka Willis-Gray from DHS also volunteered via chat. Jamie shared the document linked here with PIC that was created from the initial meeting with Non-Profit Organizations that are members of the PIC on the recommendations for the workgroup efforts and what agencies should participate.

NOTE

Alison Tavik is being replaced by Nichelle Johnson as the designee for Special Secretary Martinez, as the GOSBA member of PIC.

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