

PROCUREMENT REFORM NEWS

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Dear Procurement Reform Stakeholders:

As you are likely already aware, the legislature unanimously passed HB 2599 (procurement code; amendments) this past session. More commonly known as procurement reform, HB 2599 becomes effective in September and contains many much needed updates to modernize the nearly 30-year-old Arizona Procurement Code (APC) – the framework by which the state purchases goods, services, and construction.

In order to facilitate a smooth transition and rule-making process, the Arizona Department of Administration's State Procurement Office (SPO) has developed a procurement reform implementation plan that includes a communication strategy, stakeholder consultation, and the creation of new or modified practices and rules guiding such areas as cooperative purchasing and vendor performance.

SPO is planning a procurement reform implementation meeting. Our intent is to gather together impacted and interested stakeholders in order to discuss our implementation and communication strategy as well as gauge interest in the various upcoming stakeholder meetings. We invite and encourage you to attend this meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2013 from 1:30-3:00 in Conference Room 300 at ADOA. The ADOA building is located at 100 North 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

In addition, we plan to hold separate stakeholder meetings to address and discuss the following procurement reform topics:

- Procurement evaluation process, with an emphasis on documentation and record retention
- Cooperative/piggyback purchasing
- Vendor performance

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jean A. Clark", is written over a horizontal line.

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