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Re: Procurement Reform, HB 2599

Dear Agency/Board/Commission Directors:

As part of Governor Brewer's continued focus on her four cornerstones of reform, HB 2599 (procurement code; amendments) was introduced to the legislature this past session. The legislature unanimously passed the procurement reform bill, enabling the governor to sign it into law on May 7, 2013. Laws 2013, Chapter 190 (HB 2599) becomes effective in September and contains numerous changes needed 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, the Arizona Department of Administration's State Procurement Office (SPO) has developed a plan for the implementation of procurement reform. The plan includes a communications strategy, stakeholder consultation, modification of current rules, and the creation of new practices and rules guiding areas such as cooperative purchasing and vendor performance. Additionally, the legislation allows SPO to develop a comprehensive training and compliance program to support agency procurement staff.

As we proceed with implementation, we want to ensure that you are aware of our reform initiatives so you may continue assessing the impacts to your agency. While we remain committed to issuing periodic correspondence, I would encourage you to visit the Procurement Reform section at the SPO website, <http://spo.az.gov/ProcurementReform/index.html>, for up-to-date information on this reform effort.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jean Clark (602-542-9136 or [jean.clark@azdoa.gov](mailto:jean.clark@azdoa.gov)) or me (602-542-1500 or [Brian.McNeil@azdoa.gov](mailto:Brian.McNeil@azdoa.gov)). We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your agency procurement staff to transform procurement in the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian C. McNeil".

Brian C. McNeil  
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cc: Jean A. Clark, State Procurement Administrator