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To: State Agency Chief Procurement Officers, Cooperative Program Membership

From: State Procurement Office

Re: Annual Professional Services List

Article 5 of the Arizona Procurement Code includes ARS § 41-2578 regarding procurements of construction services and specified professional services. On June 4, 2010, the Annual Request for Qualifications and Experience was issued under ARS § 41-2578 (C.1.). The RFQ closed on July 6, 2010; the State Procurement Office (SPO) received approximately 187 responses from many well-qualified firms, showing the diversity and expertise available to the State.

During the last legislative session, SB1406 was passed and resulted in a new version of ARS § 41-2578 which went into effect on or about July 29, 2010. This new version did not preserve the provision for the Annual Professional Services List. Based on this, the State Procurement Office (SPO) finds that it must cancel Request for Qualifications ADSPO10-00000084, Annual Request for Qualifications and Experience.

Procurement of professional services will now be achieved using ARS § 41-2535 for procurements under \$50K and the new provisions of ARS § 41-2578 for procurements exceeding \$50K.

Additional changes to ARS § 41-2578 include:

- Requirements for documentation to be kept as public record and/or in the procurement file.
- Expounds on requirements for single and multiple contract awards within the same procurement.
- Removed the \$250,000 and \$500,000 thresholds for procurement of certain professional services.
- Proscribes publication requirements regarding evaluation criteria for selection of interviewees and selection of final list firms
- Explicitly prohibits reviving negotiations with a firm with which the State has formally terminated negotiations for the same contract.

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