

**NOTICE
of the
Virginia Public Procurement Act
(VPPA)
Study Plan for 2014**

On behalf of Senator Locke and Delegate Gilbert, this is to inform you that the study plan for the second year of the two-year study of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA) by the Special Joint General Laws Subcommittee has been formulated and approved. This notice contains a general overview of the 2014 study plan as well as information about the revised membership of the Special Joint General Laws Subcommittee, the identification of the work groups, the appointment of members to the work groups, and the study process for the work groups.

2014 Study Plan Overview:

It is anticipated that in the interim of 2014, further examination of the VPPA will be conducted primarily by staff-facilitated work groups, with the Special Joint Subcommittee meeting at the conclusion of the work groups' deliberations or as needed. It is anticipated that work groups will meet as needed beginning on Thursday, May 8, 2014 on their respective "scope of work" as approved by Senator Locke and Delegate Gilbert and based on the issues raised in the first year of study and the bills referred to the study during the 2014 General Assembly Session, including the involvement of small, women-owned and minority-owned businesses. The work groups will conclude their work by mid-October. As noted above, the Special Joint Subcommittee will meet at the conclusion of the work groups' deliberations to advance points of consensus and to decide policy and other issues where work group consensus has not been reached.

Revised Membership of the Special Joint General Laws Subcommittee:

Senators Locke (alternate), Ruff, Petersen, and Reeves and Delegates Gilbert, Albo, Greason, Rush, Anderson, and Carr.

Identification of Work Groups:

As initially conceived at the conclusion of the first year of study, the Special Joint Subcommittee designated the following workgroups.

- Work Group 1 - Construction, including Design Professionals
- Work Group 2 - IT Procurement and Other Design Professionals
- Work Group 3 - Goods and Nonprofessional Services

However, after reviewing the issues raised in the first year of study and the bills referred from the 2014 Session of the General Assembly, the Chairs of the respective General Laws Committee, decided that there should be two workgroups:

Work Group 1; Construction and Related Design Professionals¹; and
Work Group 2; IT, Goods, Other Professional Services, and Nonprofessional Services.²

The new Work Group 2 is essentially the consolidation of the former Work Groups 2 and 3. The rationale for this consolidation is (i) comments received over the course of the 2013 interim revealed no issues having been raised regarding other professional services, (ii) the issues that were related to information technology procurement were limited, and (iii) information technology procurement, goods and nonprofessional services all fall under the VPPA.

Work Group Membership:

The decision of Senator Locke and Delegate Gilbert was that the membership of the respective work groups should include a fair and balanced representation of the community of interest and avoid over representation of any one interest. Please refer to Appendix A and Appendix B for the list of persons appointed to Work Group #1 and Work Group #2, respectively. Please note, appointments notwithstanding, that all interested persons may attend work group meetings and will be given an opportunity to comment.

Tentative Timeline for Work Group and Special Joint Subcommittee Meetings:

- **First meeting of the Work groups will be on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in House Room 1 in the Capitol.** (Thereafter each work group will meet as needed.)
 - 9:30 a.m.--Work Group #1; and
 - 1:30 p.m.--Work Group # 2.
 - If a work group member is unable to attend, such member may send a designee and is requested to advise study staff of same.
- All work group meetings to be completed by October 15, 2014.
- Special Joint Subcommittee to meet in mid-November 2014 to:
 - Review points of consensus.
 - Conceptual (but not agreement on language).
 - Agreement on specific language.
 - Review issues to be decided by the Special Joint Subcommittee.
 - Decide on recommended legislation for 2015 Session.

New Email address:

A new email address has been established for the VPPA Study. The new email address is: vppastudy@dls.virginia.gov.

¹ Architecture, Professional Engineering, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying

² Accounting, Actuarial Services, Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Optometry, and Pharmacy

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Amigo Wade or Maria Everett, Senior Attorneys at the Division of Legislative Services and staff to the Special Joint Subcommittee, at the above email address or by phone 804.786.3591, ext. 216 or 210, respectively.

APPENDIX A

Work Group 1; Construction and Related Design Professionals:

Higher Education

Annette Cyphers, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, University of Virginia (LEVEL 3)

Bert Jones, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management Services, VA Community College System (LEVEL 2)

State Entities

Rich Sliwoski, Director, Department of General Services (or designee)

Steve Owens, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Ida McPherson, Director, Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity,

Local Government

Gary Mitchell, Director of Planning and Community Development (Town of Colonial Beach)

Uwe Wiendal, P. E., Director (Frederick County Sanitation Authority)

Elizabeth Dooley, Assistant Purchasing Agent (Arlington County; VAGP)

Anthony Arnold, P. E., Director of Facilities Planning and Construction (VA Beach Public Schools)

Cecelia Stowe, Purchasing Manager (Henrico County)

Vendor Community

Thomas Julian, Jr., P.E., (Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc.)

Chris Lloyd, (McGuire Woods Consulting)

William H. Hefty, Esq. (Hefty & Wiley PC)

Steve Vermillion, CEO (Associated General Contractors of Virginia)

Hunter Merrill, 2nd Vice President (Virginia Association of Roofing Professionals)

Chris Stone, P.E., President of Clark Nexsen Architectural & Engineering

Reginald M. Jones, Esq. (Williams Mullen)

Lee Brazzell, President & CEO of Transformation Consulting LLC

Bernice Travers, President, Travers Corporation

APPENDIX B

Work Group 2; IT, Goods, Other Professional Services, and Nonprofessional Services:

Higher Education

Keith Gagnon, Director of Procurement, VA Community College System (LEVEL 2)
Mary Helmick, Director of Procurement Services, James Madison (LEVEL 2)
Eric Denby, Director of Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services, University of Virginia (LEVEL 3)
Tom Kaloupek, Director of Materials Management, Virginia Tech (LEVEL 3)
Eugene Anderson, Director, Procurement Management, Norfolk State University (LEVEL1)

State Entities

Eric Link, Director, Legal & Legislative Services, Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)
Phil Pippert, Director, Supply Chain Management, VITA
Joe Damico, Deputy Director, DGS
Robert Gleason, Director, Division of Purchases & Supply, DGS
John Westrick, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Angela Chiang, Director of Operations, Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity

Local Government

Patti Innocenti, Deputy Director, Purchasing and Supply Management, Fairfax County; VAGP
William Lindsey, Purchasing Agent, Gloucester County; VAGP
Phyllis Errico, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties
Mike Bacile, Purchasing Director, Chesterfield County

Vendor Community

Lem C. Stewart, Jr. Executive Vice President, Advantus Strategies, LLC
Brian Epley, Northhighland Consulting
Nicole Riley, Virginia State Director, National Federal of Independent Businesses
Ridge Schulyer, Vice President, Charlottesville Works Initiative, Greater Charlottesville Area Dev. Corp.
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