

Amigo and Maria –

DGS has met individually with others who would be affected by Work Group 1's discussions, and attached is a package of changes for which we believe there is consensus. These changes address only items previously discussed in the work group, and assume that all entities will be bound by them (not just those entities which are currently covered by the VPPA). We ask that the package be presented as a whole to the work group for consideration.

The package addresses the following areas:

-move A/E term contract and JOC contract language to their own statutes

A/E term contracts:

-prohibit price-shopping among A/E contractors on term contracts
-keep A/E term limits as is (state has \$1m term/\$200k project; most localities have \$5M term/\$2M project)

JOC:

-increase JOC limits (from \$2M term to \$5M term/from \$400k project to \$500k project)
-decrease JOC length from 1+4 to 1+2
-allow ancillary A/E up to \$60k per order on JOC (consistent with non-competition level for A/Es)

Cooperative:

-no change to joint purchasing authority
-continue prohibition against A/E piggybacking
-expand prohibition against construction piggybacking to all contracts
(DGS to separately introduce legislation regarding DGS statewide authority)

Misc:

-clarify that small procedures can be used for construction, provided building code is always followed
-raise state's cap on non-competition for A/E from \$50k to \$60k (to match cap which localities have)

We did not include a proposal on enforcement, as it appeared that further discussion is needed to find a consensus solution for this issue.

I understand you will be including this in your email to the work group members. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Best regards,
Julie