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To: Brenda Sisco
From: Linda Ecklund *LE*
CC: Paul Potamianos *PP*
Gregory Messner *GM*
Patti Maroney *PM*
Christopher LeMay *CL*
Date: 7/27/2010
Re: Contracting Standards Board FY2011 Expenditures and Appropriation

We have been informed by the fiscal representative from DAS responsible for the Contracting Standards Board (CSB) that expenditures have been submitted for FY 2011. As of July 27, 2010, \$600 has been requested in total for three members as compensation for a meeting which was held on July 13th.

Public Act 10-179 appropriated \$10,000 in Other Expense for CSB. In Section 148 of the same Act, those funds were essentially eliminated with the following language:

Sec. 148. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no funds shall be made available before July 1, 2011, for the purposes of the State Contracting Standards Board established under section 4e-2 of the general statutes.

During discussions of the 2011 budget this matter was reviewed, but not resolved. Our B1 indicates that the full \$10,000 in Other Expenses should be held back, leaving CSB with no funds in accordance with Section 148. It is my understanding that the original intent was to delay the operations of the CSB to FY 2012, but not to cease board meetings.

It should also be noted that in the CSB Meeting minutes from May 24, 2010 that funding was discussed by board members:

"The FY 10/11 budget did not appropriate any personnel funds to this board. Therefore, there is presently no authority to hire employees, but there is a small amount for per diem payments to board members. Mr. Mattison distributed forms for the members to fill out."

We recommend sending a letter to the Board informing them that there are no funds available in accordance with PA 10-179, therefore, there will be no reimbursements. We are unsure of whether Chairman Gail Mattison has been made aware of the current funding situation for CSB.

Please let me know if you have any questions.