




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners, Acting Commissioners and Directors
All Connecticut State Agencies

CC: Governor's Legal Office
Gareth D. Bye, Director of Legal Affairs, OPM

FR: Secretary Robert L. Genuario
Office of Policy and Management 

RE: Contracts with the Federal Government and Other
Governmental Entities

DATE: January 4, 2008

On December 27, 2007, the CHRO granted a temporary blanket exemption from compliance with the requirements imposed by Sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a of the General Statutes for all contracts which are entered into between any executive branch agency and any other governmental entity. A copy of this waiver is enclosed for your records.

This "temporary" blanket waiver applies to both the required non-discrimination boilerplate contract language and the new non-discrimination certificate requirement for all contracts between any governmental entity and executive branch agencies. This waiver is due to expire for all contracts that may be entered into with any federal agency after June 30, 2008; for all other contracts, the waiver will expire with respect to any contracts that are entered into after March 31, 2008.

As a condition of this waiver, CHRO has again requested OPM to periodically provide CHRO with a list of all contracts that are subject to this waiver so that CHRO can monitor the nature and extent of contracts which are covered by the same. To this end, I would appreciate your designating a specific individual in your agency who will be responsible for reporting on all

contracts that have been, and hereafter are, entered into by your agency between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. In so doing, I would ask that you kindly provide Sherrill Jacobson at OPM (418-6363 / sherrill.jacobson@ct.gov) of the name of, and contact information for, that individual by January 15, 2008 and then direct that individual to file a report of all such agreements that have been entered into between January 1, 2008 and March 14, 2008 with Ms. Jacobson in the form of that attached as Exhibit A to this memorandum by no later than March 21, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact OPM's Director for Legal Affairs, Attorney Gareth Bye.

Thank you.

Enc.

Exhibit A

**Report of all Contracts with the Federal Government
and Other Governmental Entities**

Reporting State Agency: _____

Name of and contact information
for Individual Filing Report: _____

State Department or Agency which is a party to contracts: _____

Name of Federal Agency or Other Governmental Entity	Date of Contract	Length of Contract	Amount of Contract	Nature & Purpose of Contract*

* Describe in one or two sentences.



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January 2, 2008

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RE: Request for a Blanket Exemption from Contract Compliance Requirements for Contracts between the State of Connecticut and other Governmental Entities

Dear Attorney Bye:

By letter dated September 12, 2007, you requested that this Commission grant a blanket exemption from contract compliance requirements for any contract between the state of Connecticut and any other governmental entity. As you may recall, at a special telephonic meeting held on September 28, 2007, the Commission granted a *temporary* blanket exemption.

This letter is to inform you that, at a special meeting held on December 27, 2007, the Commission reconsidered your request and my recommendation in more detail. After further discussion, the Commission voted to extend the exemption on federal contracts for an additional six months, through June 30, 2008, with the following conditions:

- The exemption applies only to those contracts to which the state and federal governments are the only parties. It does not cover any contracts involving additional, non-governmental entities.
- The Office of Policy and Management will report quarterly to the Commission, indicating the following for each contract covered by the exemption: 1) the name of the federal agency, 2) the amount of the grant (if applicable), 3) a brief (1-2 sentence) description of the purpose of the contract.

In addition, the Commission voted to create a blanket exemption for contracts between the state and any other governmental entities, for a period of three months, expiring on March 31, 2008. The same conditions applicable to the U.S. government exemption are applicable here as well.

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Thank you for your attention. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 860-541-3451.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Pech', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Raymond P. Pech
Executive Director