

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,  
Females, and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monthly Council Meeting  
Location: Video Conference Room 9-040  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Monday, April 11, 2011 1:30 p.m.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alesia Hawkins  
Lynne Turner  
Jesse Martinez  
Florence Cox  
Beth Doria  
Phillip Barreda  
Patrick Blair, via video conference  
Larry Ivory, via video conference

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Michael Gonzalez  
Lawrence Parrish  
Hedy Ratner  
Nelida Smyser-De Leon (represented by Ann D'Ascenzo)

**COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

James P. Sledge, CMS/ Director

**COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Ruddy Ortiz

**CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Jacob Stuckey, Special Assistant to Director James Sledge  
Philina King, CMS/BEP Legal Counsel  
Agueda Corona, CMS/ Disparity Study Manager  
Susan Hartman, CMS/Chief Knowledge Officer  
Tasha Green Cruzat, CMS/ Chief Operating Officer  
Nadine Lacombe, CMS General Counsel  
Ellen Daley, CMS/ Senior Legal Counsel for Bureau of Strategic Sourcing, via video conference  
Lynn Carter, CMS/Deputy General Counsel for Bureau of Strategic Sourcing, via video conference  
David Eldridge, CMS/ Deputy Director of Bureau of Strategic Sourcing, via video conference  
Steve McCurdy, CMS/Assistant Director, via video conference  
Harry Reinhard, CMS/BEP  
Gladys Rodriquez, CMS/BEP

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Margaret L. Van Dijk, Executive Ethics Commission -SPO for Illinois Worker's Compensation and Property Tax Appeal Board, via video conference  
Albert Murillo, Acting SPO for Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Art Moore, Executive Ethics Commission-SPO for Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, via video conference  
Tiffany Power, Executive Ethics Commission-SPO for Illinois Commerce Commission/Department of Insurance/Department of Financial and Professional Regulations and Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, via video conference  
Ben Bagby, Chief Procurement Officer for Board of Higher Education, via video conference  
Aaron Carter, Executive Director of Procurement Policy Board, via video conference  
Josh Kaufmann

## **AGENDA**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON February 28, 2011
- 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
- 5.0 POSTED BUSINESS
  - 5.1 Disparity Study Update – Agueda Corona
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 6.1 Committee Updates
    - A. Exemption/Compliance Committee
    - B. Bonding Committee
    - C. Professional Services
    - D. Policy/Enforcement Committee
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

## **CALLED TO ORDER**

James P. Sledge, Director for Illinois Department of Central Management Services, called the Business Enterprise Program Council meeting to order at 1:50 PM.

Ruddy Ortiz, Business Enterprise Council Secretary, took roll call.

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF February 28, 2011**

The minutes of the Council meeting held February 28th were approved with no opposition or abstentions.

## **2011 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The upcoming BEP Council meetings will be scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, from 1:30 PM. to 3:30 PM.

The Council meeting calendar for 2011 is as follows:

25th April 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025 **cancelled**

23<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025

27th June 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025

25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
22nd August 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
28th November 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
27<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair James Sledge reported on the following items:

Chair James Sledge reported on CMS House and Senate Appropriation Hearings and provided an overview of the topics discussed. Topics ranged from budgeting for outcomes to minority hiring and supplier diversity.

## **POSTED BUSINESS**

Disparity Study update by Agueda Corona, CMS Disparity Study Manager

Mason Tillman has completed the prime contractor data collection and working on the subcontractor data collection. Chair James Sledge pointed out that there were data collection issues from various agencies which caused some delay.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair James Sledge called for committee updates.

- A. Exemption/Compliance Committee - No report
- B. Bonding Committee – No report
- C. Professional Services Committee – No report
- D. Policy/Enforcement Committee

Beth Doria provided an update on the policy/enforcement committee. The policy/enforcement committee met with CMS and based on the data presented, RFPs \$100,000 and more will be required to have BEP goals (unless the appropriate waivers are requested) in fiscal year 2012. The committee will continue to work with CMS to review other solicitation methods. Program will be reviewed at the September 26, 2011 meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair James Sledge called for new business.

Philina King reported on the BEP draft rules previously sent to Council members. She thanked members for sending her their feedback and encouraged other members to do the same.

Member Beth Doria asked for an update on new Council members. Chair James Sledge communicated to members that the Governor's Office was working on the membership.

Member Larry Ivory inquired about the professional services committee. Mr. Ivory noted that IDOT exhibits a dismal display of professional services when it comes to contracting. He asked if

there was any way the Council can track African American contracting. Council Secretary Ruddy Ortiz responded and stated he will look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.

Member Beth Doria asked about the state's implementation of Senate Bill 3249 legislation. If goals are not assigned this constitutes a violation of the law. Council Secretary Ruddy Ortiz responded and said that BEP is working through this process and will report on this topic at the next meeting. Member Jesse Martinez offers his help in this process, as CDB is familiar with the capital grant process.

Next Steps:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2011, James R Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph Street, Room 2-025, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
- State system changes will be further discussed at next month meeting.
- Council Secretary Ruddy Ortiz will report on BEP processes for professional services contracts and Senate Bill 3249 implementation at the next month meeting.
- Beth Doria gave special thanks to CMS staff for meeting with the policy/enforcement committee to discuss the lowering of contract threshold requirements.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:23 PM