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State procurement professionals,

Effective Nov. 1, all certified procurement officers (CPOs) are required to review and follow the provisions of <u>House Bill 2164</u>. This legislation imposes significant new compliance obligations, including expanded criminal liability for public officers and state employees involved in the procurement process.

HB 2164 establishes felony-level consequences for public officers who improperly participate in developing or approving contracts – either directly or indirectly – if they have a personal or financial interest in them. It also criminalizes the unauthorized disclosure of confidential solicitation materials by any state employee.

Additionally, the law introduces new supplier disclosure requirements for sole-source contracts. Vendors must now submit a sworn statement identifying any familial or business relationships with agency personnel involved in the acquisition.

Every executed contract, including change orders, renewals, amendments and extensions, must now include a certification from the agency's chief executive officer affirming that no officer or employee with a personal or financial interest has participated in the development, negotiation or approval of the agreement.

To assist agencies with implementation, the following documents have been updated:

- <u>State's General Terms and Conditions</u> (Attachment B)
- PIM for required attachments
- Non-Collusion Certification (Form CP004)
- Chief Executive Officer Certification (Form CP005)

OMES Central Purchasing will continue to provide support and guidance as the bill takes effect.

Thank you!

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