

Subcontractor Bid Listing Evaluation Committee

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Members:

X	Kyle Dilbert, Ports
X	Bill Dobyns, General Contractors
	Corey Feddie, Public Hospitals
X	Jeff Gonzalez, DES-State
	Matthew Hepner, Const. Trades Labor

	Russel King, Local Government
	Irene Reyes, OMWBE
X	Barry Sherman, Spec Subs\NECA
	Michael Transue, Spec. Subcontractors
X	Olivia Yang, Higher Education

Guests:

X	Talia Baker, DES
X	Bob Korth, NW Ironworkers

X	Melissa VanGorkom

Meeting started at 8:04 am

Co-Chair Bill Dobyns stated the single item agenda:

Discuss steps to develop a report to Legislature regarding how the revised statute is working and are there any recommended changes. This report is due by November 2022.

Action item:

Go to constituents and ask them to share any issues, or challenges they are encountering with the revision and if changes or modifications are needed. Then share with CPARB and make any needed recommendations. Design-Bid-Build is where this is most common

A one-page report is preferred.

Getting the information from the people who are doing the work will be key. Since there are gaps in the stakeholder groups represented on the committee or present at the meeting, the present members would like to get more input.

Subcontractors are obviously affected. They don't want Bid-Shopping to occur and would like to confirm their jobs in a reasonable amount of time.

General Contractors are the most affected. They feel rushed and that they don't have enough time to vet the process. It's hard to adequately evaluate a large number of submittals in the time they have.

Is there any push to expand to other trades? Guest, Bob Korth, feels any push would come from WA State Building Trades and through legislation. There are a number of projects, especially in the school districts, who are not listing subs due to the exclusions in the way the current law is written.

Bid listings tend to cause protests. WSU, and Port of Seattle has experience this. It would be interesting to find out what percentage and type of jobs this occurs in to identify if there is a trend that needs to be addressed.

Bill will draft a 1 paragraph to send to stakeholder groups regarding feedback on the current subcontractor listing law and any proposed changes need. At the next committee meeting the committee can wordsmith it. Once the committee agrees on the verbiage, then each member can take that paragraph to their stakeholders and collect as much information from them as they can.

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Then the committee can meet again to evaluate and discuss the collected information to plan the next steps.

Olivia recommends circulating the paragraph amongst the committee members so they can consider and bring recommendations to the next meeting. This could be sent out as a pre-read for the next meeting. She is also concerned that some stakeholders might have valuable input and recommends synchronizing the request and outreach with CPARB.

Once Bill has a paragraph drafted, he will forward it to Talia to send to the Committee.

Bill made a motion to accept the proposed plan as stated above. Barry and Olivia seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There will be a request to add Bob Korth, with NW Ironworks to this Committee at the April 14th CPARB meeting. Current members will consider and reach out to potential members as well and send those recommendations to Bill.

The next meeting time is proposed to be on a Tues/Wed/Thurs for 90-min on 2nd or 3rd weeks. Talia will send out a solicitation and help schedule future meetings.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23 am