

Contractor Prequalification
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Significant changes ahead for the Contractor Prequalification Program

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In 2007, construction contractors doing business in the State of Connecticut are going to notice several significant changes to the Contractor Prequalification program. Chief among these are legislative mandates broadening the definition of “public work,” and the inclusion of substantial subcontractors in the program.

Beginning January 1, 2007, contractors will be required to be prequalified to bid on any public construction contracts (funded in whole or in part by the State of Connecticut) estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars. The new definition of “public work” will exclude only public highway and bridge projects. This change means that new classifications will be added to the program, and contractors will need to identify and prequalify for those classifications that apply to their scope of work and capabilities.

Following on October 1, 2007, substantial subcontractors will be added to the program. This will require subcontractors to be prequalified to perform work with a value in excess of five hundred thousand dollars for a contractor pursuant to a contract for work for the state or a municipality which is estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars.

J. Carlos Velez, program director, says, “We understand that contractors may have some questions or concerns about these changes, and we’re prepared to help. In January, look for a new, more streamlined online application and enhanced instructions. We want to make the process as easy to complete as possible.”

Other upcoming changes to the Contractor Prequalification Program:

- The Project History section of the online application is being eliminated on October 1, 2007. Applicants will no longer be required to list experience on public and private construction projects over the past five years, or on the ten most recently completed projects or the names of any subcontractors used on the projects.
- The renewal fee has been redefined to one-half of the application fee for the AWC requested; there will no longer be a minimum renewal fee of \$600.00. This change will take place on October 1, 2007.

For more information on the prequalification process, you may contact the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, Prequalification Unit at 860-713-5280.