



State of Connecticut  
State Contracting Standards Board

TESTIMONY  
of  
Albert Ilg, Chair  
State Contracting Standards Board

Before the Government Administration and Elections Committee of the  
Connecticut General Assembly

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Chairpersons Slossberg, Caruso and Honorable Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee; my name is Albert Ilg, Chairperson of the State Contracting Standards Board (the "Board"). I am here today to testify on SB 205 An Act Concerning the Implementation of State Contracting Reform.

SB Bill 205 changes the effective dates of Public Act 07-01 by moving most of the effective dates 3 months sooner than is currently law. Attachment A contains a listing of the current effective dates and then those proposed in SB 205.

On August 15, 2005, the Governor created the State Contracting Standards Board ("The Board") by Executive Order 7a. The Board was created in part upon the recommendation of the Task Force on State

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Contracting Reform. This bipartisan task force was directed to ensure that  
*“...contracting processes reflect the highest standards of integrity, are clean and consistent and are conducted in the most efficient manner possible to enable state agencies to deliver programs and serve our citizens.”*

Through all that has happened since then (Meetings and hearings, proposed legislation, revisions, final adoption by the legislature, postponement of the effective date to January 1, 2009 and signing by the Governor) the members and staff of the Executive Order Board has continued to work towards that original mission and will do so until the statutory Board assumes its duties.

I am confident that the current Executive Order Board can be ready to transfer its work and recommendations to the statutory Board by the October 1, 2008 effective date as proposed in SB 205. I believe we should enable the statutory Board to start as soon as possible to meet the goals of the Governor and the Legislature.

As the Governor Said on July 8, 2004:

*“We must restore confidence in the state contracting process. Contracts must be awarded to those who submit responsible bids through a process that is open, honest and fair. These are the principles we must set to*

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**APPENDIX A**

**PA 07-1 AN Act Concerning Clean Contracting Standards – effective dates**

- July 1, 2008 – Section 48 (funding)
- January 1, 2009 – Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47
- October 1, 2009 – Section 19
- January 1, 2010 – Section 16
- June 1, 2010 – Sections 17, 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,
- October 1, 2011 – Sections 6, 7,

**SB 205 AN Act Concerning Implementation of Clean Contracting Standards – effective dates**

- July 1, 2008 – Section 48 (funding)
- October 1, 2008 – Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47
- August 1, 2009 – Section 19
- October 1, 2009 – Sections 16, 17
- April 1, 2010 – Sections 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40