

Statement by Claudia Baio, Chair State Contracting Standards Board
Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

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Good afternoon Senator Looney and Representative Janowski and distinguished members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, my name is Claudia Baio. I am the Chair of the Contracting Standards Board. I am here to strongly endorse Governor Malloy's nomination of David Guay as the first Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board.

I first met David as the Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability. My first impression of him was that he was very accommodating, he knew the state administrative systems and that he was there to help me. At that time, I was a new board chair with no staff and an important mission to accomplish. David could not have been more open and communicative; he quickly responded to the many questions I had.

When Governor Malloy told me he was considering naming David to lead the State Contracting Standards Board from concept to reality, I was thrilled. In the four months David and I have worked together on the State Contracting Standards Board, I have found him to be the consummate professional. He is always there to assist me as well as any of other board members on any of the issues that a board in its infancy would have.

As the State Contracting Standards Board moves forwards, I expect David to continue to help guide me and the board to ensure that the state's contracting processes are open and transparent and reflect the highest standards of integrity and cost-effectiveness. I know David is the right person for the position of Executive Director of the Contracting Standards Board, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue to work with him by our side as Executive Director.