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**"AN ACT RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR STATE
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND FOR
COMPETITIVE BIDDING."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
4 group to be known as the Construction Contracting and Bidding
5 Transparency Working Group. Such working group shall study state
6 construction contracting and subcontracting processes. As part of such
7 study, the working group shall solicit testimony and recommendations
8 from the public, trade associations and the general contractor and
9 subcontractor community.

10 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

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- 11 (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or a designee;
- 12 (2) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or a
13 designee;
- 14 (3) The Labor Commissioner, or a designee;
- 15 (4) The president of The University of Connecticut, or a designee;
- 16 (5) A representative of a minority-owned business who is familiar
17 with state construction contracting, who shall be appointed by the
18 Governor;
- 19 (6) A representative of the Connecticut State Building Trades, who
20 shall be appointed by the Governor;
- 21 (7) A representative from an organization familiar with state
22 construction contracting processes, who shall be appointed by the
23 speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 24 (8) A representative from a trades organization, who shall be
25 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 26 (9) A representative from an organization representing construction
27 managers-at-risk and general contractors, who shall be appointed by
28 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 29 (10) A representative from an organization representing
30 subcontractors, who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore
31 of the Senate;
- 32 (11) A representative who is a construction manager-at-risk or
33 general contractor, who shall be appointed by the majority leader of
34 the Senate;
- 35 (12) A representative from an association representing design
36 professionals, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
37 Senate; and

38 (13) A nonmanagerial employee of the Department of
39 Administrative Services who is familiar with state construction
40 contracting processes, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of
41 Administrative Services.

42 (c) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
43 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members of the working
45 group shall serve without compensation.

46 (d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or his designee,
47 shall be the chairperson of the working group. The chairperson shall
48 schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held
49 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

50 (e) Not later than January 1, 2015, the working group shall submit a
51 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the
52 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
53 of matters relating to government administration, in accordance with
54 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall
55 include, but not be limited to, the following:

56 (1) A review and analysis of the current general contractor and
57 construction manager at risk practices for receiving subcontractor and
58 lower tier subcontractor bid submissions on capital projects;

59 (2) A review of existing laws regarding state enforcement,
60 compliance, and licensing authorities that govern general contractors,
61 construction managers at risk and subcontractors;

62 (3) A review of existing construction contracting methods;

63 (4) Best practices for subcontractor and lower tier subcontractor bid
64 submissions on capital projects used by other states and government
65 jurisdictions; and

66 (5) Recommendations for administrative and legislative changes.

67 (f) The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits its
68 report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section