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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:

11 (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or a designee;

- 12 (2) The president of The University of Connecticut, or a designee;
- 13 (3) The executive director of the Commission on Human Rights and
14 Opportunities, or a designee;
- 15 (4) The Labor Commissioner, or a designee;
- 16 (5) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
18 administration, or their designees;
- 19 (6) The president of the Connecticut State Building Trades, or a
20 designee;
- 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 an organization representing construction
25 managers at risk and general contractors, who shall be appointed by
26 the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 27 (9) A representative from an organization representing
28 subcontractors, who shall be appointed by the president pro tempore
29 of the Senate;
- 30 (10) A representative from an association representing design
31 professionals, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
32 Senate; and
- 33 (11) A non-managerial employee of the Department of
34 Administrative Services who is familiar with state construction
35 contracting processes, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of
36 Administrative Services.
- 37 (c) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
38 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
39 shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members of the working

40 group shall serve without compensation.

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

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

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

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

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

58 (4) Best practices for subcontractor and lower tier subcontractor bid
59 submissions on capital projects used by other states and government
60 jurisdictions; and

61 (5) Recommendations for administrative and legislative changes.

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

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