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Good afternoon, Senator Bye, Representative Walker, Senator Kane, and Representative Ziobron and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is David Guay and I am the Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board (CSB or the Board). Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on behalf of the Board regarding Governor Malloy's recommended budget for the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium.

Governor Malloy's proposed budget for the CSB is austere, and while the CSB had hoped for funding consistent with our submission, we recognize the difficult budget decisions that must be made. As we have done in the past, the CSB will work with the resources provided to sustain the CSB and its mission. With the support of both Governor Malloy and the General Assembly, the CSB was revitalized just about eighteen months ago. Today, I would like to update you on the CSB's progress and *how our proposed budget will support our continued forward momentum.*

During this short period of time, the CSB has:

1. Established an office, including the appointment of an Executive Director,
2. Hired an outstanding Chief Procurement Officer,
3. Trained state agency appointed procurement officers,
4. Created the Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee,
5. Established the Privatization Committee,
6. Consulted with the Office of Policy and Management and approved the cost-benefit analysis templates and instructions required to be used by agencies contemplating privatizing services,
7. Promulgated policies and procedures, and
8. Initiated the drafting of organizational regulations.

Since its reconstitution, the Board has already addressed one formal privatization proposal and four contested solicitations and awards. The Board has had a good start at its second life. The Governor's proposed budget will allow the Board to continue that which it has begun, including maintaining its clean and open contracting mission and providing contracting consistency, educating agencies about contracting, serving as an arbiter of privatization, and facilitating solutions when there are contested solicitations and awards.