

# UConn

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

## Construction Contracting & Bidding Transparency Working Group

Legislative Office Building

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# Procurement Services

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- Capital Projects and Contract Administration (CPCA): Sourcing for professional and construction services for the University's capital project program
- Purchasing: Sourcing of goods and services that support all University non-construction activities for the Research, Educational, Academic, Administrative and Operations missions
- Procurement Contracting and Compliance: Drafting and negotiation of contracts, management of Supplier Diversity Program, compliance and monitoring

# Today's Discussion

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Five key elements of focus discussion:

- Current Contracting methods
- Subcontractor selection process under each method
- SBE and MBE set aside process
- DCS and UConn policing of subs
- Data Collection weaknesses and plans to improve

# Current Contracting Methods

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- Construction Delivery Methods
  - Design Bid Build [General and Trade Contractor/ Lump Sum]
  - Construction Manager at Risk [CMr]
  - Design Build (recently granted PA 13-177)
  - On-Call Contracts
    - General and Trade Contractor Program for Projects greater than \$100,000 and less than \$500,000
    - SBE/MBE General and Trade Contractor Program for Projects less than \$100,000

# Subcontractor Selection Process

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- Subcontractor selection process under each method
  - Defined by construction delivery method relationship
    - » CMr
    - » GC
    - » Design Build Partner
  - Pre-qualification requirements apply to project and package values over \$500,000
  - DAS Supplier Diversity certifications

# SBE and MBE set aside process

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- SBE and MBE set aside process
  - Opportunities are considered that support project needs and goals
  - Packages within CMr delivery methods
  - Additional factors:
    - » Project value
    - » Capacity within marketplace
    - » Project timeline

# DCS and UConn policing of subs

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Through Primary CMr and GC contractual relationships

- University monitors via project management controls
  - Payroll certification
  - Submittals review process
  - Retainage (University and CHRO)
- External oversight
  - DOL & CHRO

# Data Collection

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- Data Collection weaknesses and plans to improve
  - Centralized clearing house concept
  - Automated contractor reviews
  - Disparity study impact?
  - Consistent risk assessments

# Activities and Considerations

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## Activities

- Further expansion and development of Supplier Diversity Program via opportunities & efforts in concert with NextGenCT program goals

## Considerations/concerns

- Uniformity of Pre-qualification standards
- Automation of contractor evaluation process
- On line bid submissions
- Consideration on raising the dollar threshold value for Bid, Payment and Performance bonds
- Capacity and competitiveness concerns relative to attractiveness of State and UConn projects

# Questions, Comments & Follow-up Action Items