

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission



Linda Clifford
Contractors State License Board
Appointed
Chair-CUCCAC

Will Clemens
Public Works Dept. Administrator
County of San Luis Obispo
Counties
Vice Chair-CUCCAC

Guiselle Carreon
Commercial Warrants &
Accounts Payable Manager
San Diego County Office of
Education
School Districts
Secretary-CUCCAC

Nathaniel Holt
Director of Purchasing and Capital
Facilities
Pomona Unified School District
School Districts

Robert R. Campbell
Auditor-Controller
County of Contra Costa
Counties

George Hicks
Director of Public Works
City of Fairfield
Cities

Steven L. Hartwig
Deputy Public Works Director
City of American Canyon
Cities

Jeff Armstrong
Apprenticeship Director
Northern CA Laborers' Union
Labor

Cesar Diaz
Legislative Director
State Building and Construction
Trades Council
Labor

Eddie Bernacchi
President
NECA, Politico Group
Subcontractors

Michael R. Hester
President
McGuire and Hester
Subcontractors

David Cruce
Vice President-Estimating, Business
Development and Materials
Papich Construction Inc.
General Contractors

Ken Kayser
Construction Consultant
General Contractors

Lisa Ekers
Port Director
Santa Cruz Harbor
Special Districts

Date

Name

Address

Address

RE: Notification of Changes to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the provisions and benefits of the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act), which provides public agencies economic benefits and greater freedom to expedite public works projects. If your agency elects to utilize the Act, it will benefit from expanded force-account authority, increased bid limits and a more informal bidding procedure.

Established in 1983, the Act amended the Public Contract Code to provide more flexible and expedited bidding and contract award procedures to participating public agencies. The Act is unique in that participation and utilization of its provisions are not mandatory. Any city county, special district, school district and community college district can voluntarily elect to become a participant of the Act. After opting into the Act by resolution/ordinance of its governing body, participants enjoy the advantage of streamlined awards process, as well as reductions in advertising requirements and other reporting paperwork. In return, signatory agencies agree to provide cost accounting information in the format prescribed in the Cost Accounting Policies and Procedure Manual and to adhere to the terms of the Act until the agency formally opts out. The Act has been popular and successfully utilized by many public agencies. After approximately 30 years since its adoption, there are currently over 1,000 public agencies that have elected to utilize the Act.

In an effort to further improve the usefulness of the Act as a project delivery tool for participating public agencies, revisions have recently been made. These revisions include additional streamlining of the award process contained in the Act that favors public agencies.

The Act is governed by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUCCAC). The CUCCAC membership is comprised of representatives from both public agencies and the private construction industry. Every five years, the CUCCAC reviews the bid limits in the Act for inflation and

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission



Linda Clifford
Contractors State License Board
Appointed
Chair-CUCCAC

Will Clemens
Public Works Dept. Administrator
County of San Luis Obispo
Counties
Vice Chair-CUCCAC

Guiselle Carreon
Commercial Warrants &
Accounts Payable Manager
San Diego County Office of
Education
School Districts
Secretary-CUCCAC

Nathaniel Holt
Director of Purchasing and Capital
Facilities
Pomona Unified School District
School Districts

Robert R. Campbell
Auditor-Controller
County of Contra Costa
Counties

George Hicks
Director of Public Works
City of Fairfield
Cities

Steven L. Hartwig
Deputy Public Works Director
City of American Canyon
Cities

Jeff Armstrong
Apprenticeship Director
Northern CA Laborers' Union
Labor

Cesar Diaz
Legislative Director
State Building and Construction
Trades Council
Labor

Eddie Bernacchi
President
NECA, Politico Group
Subcontractors

Michael R. Hester
President
McGuire and Hester
Subcontractors

David Cruce
Vice President-Estimating, Business
Development and Materials
Papich Construction Inc.
General Contractors

Ken Kayser
Construction Consultant
General Contractors

Lisa Ekers
Port Director
Santa Cruz Harbor
Special Districts

other factors to determine when increases should be made. The most recent increases allow projects costing \$45,000 or less to be performed by employees of a public agency or contracted out without competitive bidding, projects costing up to \$175,000 can be let to contract by informal bidding procedures and awarded at the staff level, and projects over \$175,000 are to be let to contract by formal bidding procedures.

For more details or information, please contact the Division of Accounting and Reporting at (916) 327-8905 or visit our website at <http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/cuccac>

Sincerely,

L. J. CLIFFORD, Chair