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Sent via electronic mail

Re: Annual Report to the California State Legislature for 2021

Dear Members of the Legislature:

In accordance with Public Contract Code (PCC) §22017(d), this report describes the activities and operations of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (Commission) for 2021.

The Commission is tasked with providing technical support to public agencies by prescribing uniform construction cost accounting procedures for those agencies that opt into the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act), pursuant to PCC §22000 et seq. The Commission works to ensure the equitable application and compliance of the Act by reviewing public complaints and recommending accounting reviews when the criteria of the Act are not fulfilled. The Act promotes statewide uniformity of cost accounting standards and flexibility in bidding procedures on construction work performed or contracted by public entities in California.

The Act results in cost savings and improved efficiency to public agencies in the bidding, award, execution, and completion of public works projects. In addition, the Commission conducts meetings open to the public, provides a manual for use by public agencies signatory to the Act, and maintains a Commission web page on the State Controller’s Office (SCO) website. Commissioners also facilitate and participate in outreach and training to participating agencies, candidate agencies, and professional organizations.
The activities and operation conducted by the Commission during 2021 are listed below:

- The Commission met on March 12, July 29, and August 20. Will Clemens chaired the meetings. The Commission continued to utilize videoconference meetings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in cost savings, time efficiency, and increased opportunity for public participation.

- Two new Commissioners were sworn in to represent the sectors Labor and Cities.

- Sixty-two additional agencies have opted into the Act, bringing the number of agencies participating in the Act to 1,463. One agency withdrew from the Act as well.

- The Commission responded to eighteen inquiries outside of normal meetings. This indicates the level of importance, public agency interest, and dependence upon the ongoing technical support the Commission provides annually to its participants.

- The Commission received $4,000 in donations and grants from donors in the construction industry. These funds are to be used to conduct Commission meetings, outreach programs, and other duties deemed necessary to continue the Commission’s purpose.

- The Commission revised its by-laws limiting Officer terms to four consecutive years.

- The Commission completed three accounting reviews of participating agencies.

- The Commission revised its Accounting Procedures Manual to update the listing of trade journals agencies are required to utilize.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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