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To: All Department Undersecretaries, Agency Heads, Business Managers, and Contract Officers of all State Departments and Agencies, Colleges and Universities, Boards and Commissions

From: Pamela Bartfay Rice, Esq.  
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Date: March 24, 2017

Re: **FY 17 Critical Contract Deadline/ Professional Contracts**

The Office of State Procurement/Professional Contracts is asking for your cooperation in complying with this year's deadline for submittal of all **FY 17** contracts and amendments to assist us in accomplishing a smooth year end closeout of contracts.

In order for OSP-PC to ensure approval of all current fiscal year contracts/amendments by June 30, 2017, they must be received in our office via PROACT, LaGov or hard copy by **5:00 pm on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, accompanied by all required documentation and with all appropriate approvals.

**LaGov approvals for FY17 cannot be entered after June 28, 2017, to ensure contract encumbrances are completed. We are requesting your cooperation to assist us in accomplishing a smooth year end closeout of contracts.**

Agencies will be responsible for taking the necessary steps to carry forward any funds into next fiscal year. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the appropriate budget office for clarification.

We are requesting that all agency contract officers relay this important information to the appropriate personnel and to make certain that contracts contain all required information and approvals before sending to OSP-PC for final approval. This will help us expedite our approval process and eliminate the unnecessary delays that occur when we have to hold our approval waiting for additional information from the agencies.

**FY 2018** contracts may be submitted at any time, as OSP-PC approval of next fiscal year contracts is always contingent upon funds being appropriated by the Legislature. You are encouraged to send these in as early as possible to avoid a backlog of contracts at the beginning of the **2017-2018** fiscal year and to facilitate prompt payments to those contractors providing continuing services.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this and all contract matters.