2020 Wisconsin Statewide Procurement Virtual Conference

November 11-12, 2020

Wednesday, November 11, 2020: 1:00pm-4:15pm

1:00-1:45pm	**General Session 1**	**Welcome, State of State Procurement** – Cheryl Edgington & Matt Limoges, State Bureau of Procurement
1:45-2:00pm	Break	
2:00-3:00pm	**General Session 2**	**Recognizing & Reporting Suspicious Conduct in Procurement** – Sandra Talbott, U.S. Department of Justice
3:00-3:15pm	Break	
3:15-4:15pm	**General Session 3**	**Q&A with SBOP Staff: Contracts, Tools, Services, & General Procurement**

Thursday, November 12, 2020: 8:00am-11:30am

	Workshop A	Workshop B	Workshop C
Session 1 8:00-9:00am	**Contract Management Strategies** *Session repeats*	**Practical Guidance: Waivers**	**Partnering with CAPS**
9:00-9:15am	Break		
Session 2 9:15-10:15am	**Writing Better Specifications**	**An Inside Look:** **Responding to the COVID Emergency**	**STAR Strategic Sourcing Module:** **Advanced Workshop**
10:15-10:30am	Break		
Session 3 10:30-11:30am	**Contract Management Strategies** *Session repeats*	**Quick Look:** **Software Licensing**	**Procurement Systems & Resources**

Topic	Description/Ideas
Welcome, State of State Procurement	Cheryl Edgington, SBOP Bureau Director, and Matt Limoges, SBOP Deputy Director, will provide an overview of the current state of State procurement in Wisconsin.
Recognizing & Reporting Suspicious Conduct in Procurement	The U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division will train procurement officials to recognize and report suspicious conduct in procurement, grant, and program funding processes in an effort to ensure taxpayers receive the full benefits of competitive bidding and to deter, detect, and prosecute antitrust crimes and related schemes in government procurements.
Q&A with SBOP Staff: Contracts, Tools, Services, and General Procurement	Have a conversation with the people who manage the contracts you use and run the procurement tools and systems you rely upon, or to talk with us about general procurement topics. Groups available for discussions include Enterprise Sourcing, IT Enterprise Sourcing, KIT (VendorNet, WISBuy, RPA System, DocuSign, etc.), and Other (general procurement questions, CAPS, etc.).
Contract Management Strategies *(repeats)*	Once the procurement is over the real fun begins! This session will evaluate methods and strategies to best manage contracts on behalf of the State of Wisconsin.
Practical Guidance: Waivers	When bidding isn't feasible, or not in the best interests of the State, how should agencies request to waive the bidding process? In this session, State Bureau of Procurement staff will provide practical guidance to ensure you provide the information necessary to justify use of this exceptional process.
Partnering with CAPS	The Consolidated Agency Purchasing Services (CAPS) section requests that all CAPS-supported agencies attend this session to learn more about CAPS, the services they offer, and the benefits from being supported by CAPS.
Writing Better Specifications	Simon says: Write better specifications! This session will share common pitfalls in writing specifications and will provide tools to overcome those issues.
An Inside Look: Responding to the COVID Emergency	As the State of Wisconsin continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, many are surprised to hear of the significant procurement efforts that were led by State of Wisconsin procurement experts. This session will provide an inside look into responding to an emergency situation and all of the intricacies contained therein.
STAR Strategic Sourcing Module: Advanced Workshop	Brainstorming and sharing of best practices, tips and tricks in the STAR Strategic Sourcing module. Presenters and in-house experts will be available to troubleshoot common issues and answer questions.
Contract Management Strategies *(repeats)*	Once the procurement is over the real fun begins! This session will evaluate methods and strategies to best manage contracts on behalf of the State of Wisconsin.
Quick Look: Software Licensing	Members from SBOP's IT Sourcing Section will provide a high-level summary of their critically-acclaimed software licensing class.
Procurement Systems & Resources	With remote working arrangements, our electronic procurement systems have become more pivotal than ever to procurement activity across the State of Wisconsin. This session will identify the tools currently in use and their capabilities to assist in your procurement work, including WISBuy, DocuSign, the new Proc Plan System, and other resources available.