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Cost Accounting Commission**



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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA
UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING
COMMISSION (CUCCAC)**

Dear Jordi:

As a current member and past Chairman of the Commission, I am asking you to join me on behalf of the Public Works Construction Contractors in supporting CUCCAC with a contribution of \$750.00. This contribution strengthens the Commission's ability to ensure the even-handed application of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act as intended when it was enacted in 1983 - more than 21 years ago.

Our industry has already experienced some of the benefits of membership such as the creation of the Cost Accounting Procedures Manual that mandates participating local governments' use of the Public Contract Code and requires them to solicit bids. It includes rules that limit their use of force account or day labor to undertake public works construction and major maintenance that contractors should be doing.

You also have access to a Commission that is fairly balanced between private and public sector representatives of the public works construction industry, and who can, hopefully, settle accounting disputes keeping both sides out of court. The Commission also makes recommendations to the State Controller to determine force limits and bidding thresholds as needed. Just a few years ago, while the public sector was able to increase the formal bidding threshold from \$75,000 to \$100,000, we were able to hold the lower limits at \$25,000 - providing more opportunities for bidding.

Since its creation by the Legislature in 1983, except for the initial start-up costs, there has been no source of funding for the Act. All of the Commissioners have volunteered their time and haven't received travel expense reimbursement or per diem. The funds we did receive were from individual Commission members. Commissioners did this gladly, but we now need your support in order to continue to provide you with valuable services. These services include updating the Cost Accounting Manual, conducting cost accounting reviews, hiring independent accounting consultants as complaints are filed, maintaining a website for easy access to the rules, working with the Legislature, and periodically reviewing force account and bidding rules to ensure that they are relevant and keeping pace with today's industry demands.

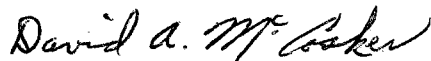
Please help us by making your check payable to the "State of California" and note in the memo portion "for CUCCAC."

Send your contribution to:

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Sincerely,



David A. McCosker, Commissioner
2001 Chair, CUCCAC