

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission



June 20, 2013

Mr. Darryl Mar
Analyst
3301 C Street
Sacramento, CA 95816

RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING COMMISSION (CUCCAC)

Dear Darryl,

As current members and officers of the Commission, we are asking you to join us on behalf of the Public Works Construction Contractors in supporting the CUCCAC with a contribution of \$2,500. 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 30 years ago.

Our industry has already experience many of the benefits of membership such as; the creation of the Cost Accounting Procedures Manual that mandates 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.

As a member of our industry, you have access to a Commission whose composition is fairly balance between private and public sector representatives of the public works construction industry, and who can, almost always, settle accounting disputes keeping both sides out of court, thus avoiding expensive legal fees and lost time. The Commission also makes recommendations to the State Controller to determine force account limits and bidding thresholds as needed. Just a month ago, while the public sector was able to increase the formal bidding threshold to \$175,000 we were able to hold the lower limits at \$30,000 thus 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 have rarely received travel expense reimbursement. 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 these valuable services.

Your contribution will be used to: conduct cost accounting reviews with independent accounting consultants as complaints are filed, update the Cost Accounting Manual, maintain a website for easy access to the rules, work with the legislature, and

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periodically review 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".

Please send your contribution to:

ATTN: Darryl Mar
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Thank you in advance for your support of this important work.

Sincerely,

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Secretary-Treasurer, CUCCAC
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