



MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2025

This information is being shared by the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA)-State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) staff for the information of the SCSB members:

A. Administration, Legislation, Legal and Miscellaneous:

1. On June 13, 2025, the SCSB regular board meeting took place which included an executive session with invitee Assistant Attorney General Colleen Valentine for purposes of providing legal advice regarding the pending claim before the Office of Public Hearings. Video and meeting materials are available on the Connecticut State Contracting Standards Board website.
2. Legislative activity related to the following bills occurred during June 2025:
 - a. On June 4, 2025, the 2025 Legislative Session came to a close.
 - b. S.B. No. 1499: An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the State Contracting Standards Board did not pass.
 - c. HB 7092: An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Auditors of Public Accounts did not pass.
 - d. HB 7232: An Act Concerning Efforts to Streamline State Contracting did not pass.
 - e. SB 1358, An Act Concerning Equitable Compensation for State-Contracted Nonprofit Human Services Providers, was the only bill that staff tracked pertaining to state contracting that passed both Chambers.
3. Regulations Development: Attorney Felman revised the initial draft of the Rules of Practice and submitted the latest version to the Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures (“SRPP”) Work Group members, which was reviewed at the SRPP Work Group Meeting on June 4, 2025. Based upon this discussion, Attorney Felman continued to revise the draft Rules of Practice for submission ahead of the scheduled July 23, 2025, meeting.

4. Budget:

- a. FY '25: Due to the exhaustion of SCSB funding allocations for FY '25, SCSB was informed by the DAS Business Office that no additional expenditures could be incurred in the FY '25 fiscal year ending on June 30, 2025.
- b. FY '26: The FY '26 fiscal year begins on July 1, 2025.
- c. FY '26 –'27 Bi-annual Budget: On April 22, 2025, the Appropriations Committee put forth a budget that reflects SCSB's original FY '26 – FY '27 biennium budget request submitted to OPM in August 2024. The FY '26 fiscal year begins on July 1, 2025.

B. Compliance Audits:

1. The Accounts Examiner, Maritza Lopez, continues to work with Training Specialist Carmen Hufcut to develop the audit procedures for presentation to the audit committee.
2. On June 27, 2025, Executive Director Greg Daniels and Accounts Examiner Maritza Lopez met with DAS to discuss the progress of IT and PSX contracts.
3. The status of each audit through June 30, 2025, is listed in the following chart:

Year 1 Contracting Agency Selection					
<u>Agency</u>	<u># of contracts</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>	<u># of samples audited</u>	<u># of findings</u>	<u>Audit Status</u>
Dept of Energy and Env. Prot.	91	37,234,877	5	3	Report completed 11/15/2024; reviewed by Mr. Bertoline on 11/20/2024; approved by board 01/10/2025; additional approvals required; Approved on 2/14/2025.
Dept of Social Services (DSS)	71	425,180,153	7	0	The Accounts Examiner initiated the audit on 10/2/2024. Six out of the 7 contracts have been completed, and as of 1/25/2025, there are 2 findings. Drafting Audit report 3/13/2025. After a thorough review of the report, the findings have been removed because the agency submitted additional documentation. The report is being drafted.

State IT Contracts	2	30,000,000	2		This Group (buying code) is no longer used in CORE; received data 12/2/2024; Audit has been reviewed and is awaiting additional documentation. Report is being drafted.
OPM	65	11,733,475	6	0	The data was received on 7/16/2024; the audit started on 10/1/2024; 4 of the 6 contracts have been completed, 2 of the 6 contracts fall under a BU Award; 3 findings as of 1/25/2025, after a thorough review. There are no findings in this audit. Audit completed 3/3/2025. The report was sent for review to the committee on 3/7/2025 and 3/17/2025. Waiting for review to be completed. Report has been sent to Audit chair waiting for review.
State Service Contracts (DAS)	518	8,519,755,864	15 8		Data was received on 12/2/2024, and the audit is continuing for review. After meeting with Mr. Bertoline, we decided to narrow down the contracts to eight. So far, 4 out of 8 audits have been reviewed.

4. The agencies listed below will be audited as of June 30, 2025. The auditing samples have been determined.

Year 2 Contracting Agency Selection					
<u>Agency</u>	<u># of contracts</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>	<u># of samples audited</u>	<u># of findings</u>	<u>Audit Status</u>
Dept of Administrative Svcs (DAS)	543	\$1,817,965,406.27	4		Awaiting Documentation
Department of Development Services (DDS)	434	\$7,324,399,958.35	4		Awaiting Documentation
Mental Health & Addiction Services (MHA)	1206	\$2,886,446,958.11	4		Awaiting additional documentation, have received the questionnaire.

State Dept of Education (SDE)	398	\$167,852,974.70	4		Documentation Received 4/4/2025.
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C. Training:

1. Due to budget constraints, the next meeting of the Training Work Group cannot be scheduled until the FY '26 budget year. Dates have been discussed with the Training Work Group chair for a meeting in July.
2. The IACET Accreditation Site Visit and interview were conducted on June 24, 2025, via a Zoom meeting. After a year and a half of proceeding through the accreditation process, SCSB has been approved as an IACET Accredited Provider. As of June 28, 2025, SCSB can offer CEUs for its courses.
3. Trainer Specialist Carmen Hufcut continues to collaborate with other state agencies.
4. Trainer Specialist Hufcut continues to work with Accounts Examiner Lopez regarding Audit procedures.
5. Trainer Specialist Hufcut continues to work with the SCSB staff attorney, who will articulate regulatory proposals scheduled for discussion at the next Training Work Group meeting.
6. Thank you to the three Board members who have completed the **Code of Ethics for Procurement Professionals** training course and provided their input. The Specialist Hufcut encourages all other members to log in and participate.

D. Committee, Subcommittee and Work Group Reports:

1. **Audit/Data Analysis Work Group:**
This work group did not meet in June 2025.
2. **Budget Sub-Work Group:**
This sub-work group did not meet in June 2025.
3. **Privatization Contract Committee:**
With Salvatore Luciano as Chair, on February 6, 2025, the Privatization Contract Committee met to discuss a potential privatization matter from the Department of Public Health. DPH requested that the matter be postponed pending further discussion with the 1199 Union leaders. We anticipate that DPH will follow up with the Privatization Committee in approximately six weeks. There is no update in June 2025.

4. **C.G.S. § 4e-36 Contested Solicitation and Awards Subcommittee:**
This subcommittee did not meet in June 2025.
5. **Personnel Review Sub-Work Group:**
This sub-work group did not meet in June 2025.
6. **Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures (“SRPP”) Work Group**
The SRPP Work Group met on June 4, 2025, discussing previous revisions on the most updated draft sent to the work group ahead of this meeting. Attorney Felman continued to revise the draft Rules of Practice regulations in accordance with the discussion at the June 4, 2025, meeting. Additionally, SRPP Chair Ahneman requested future revisions be submitted in an alternate format, which Attorney Felman will have submitted ahead of the July 23, 2025, SRPP work group meeting.
7. **Training Work Group:**
The Training Work Group meeting scheduled for June 13, 2025, was cancelled. Due to budget constraints, the next meeting of the Training Work Group will be scheduled in the beginning of the FY '26 budget year.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please direct your inquiries to: Greg.Daniels@ct.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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