



Chief Procurement Office

Bill Grunloh, Department of Transportation - Construction

Ratification Request

Procurement Reference Number

66J75, 66J76, 66J80, 74A16, 74A17, 076M580, 076M60

Title of Procurement

Various - see attachment

(30 ILCS 500/50-60)

Section 50-60 of the Procurement Code provides that if any contract or amendment thereto is entered into or purchase of expenditure of funds is made at any time in violation of this Code or any other law, the contract or amendment thereto may be declared void by the chief procurement office or may be ratified and affirmed, provided the chief procurement officer determines that ratification is in the best interests of the State.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

The SPO has determined that this section of the Procurement Code or other law was violated.

Pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code 50-60(a) the Department is requesting the contracts listed above be ratified. In discussions and request by the Chief Procurement Office (CPO) for Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) construction, it has come to IDOT's attention that Contract Obligation Documents (COD) were filed by IDOT district offices to increase the amount on contracts without execution of change orders/ amendments or approval by the CPO. These change orders are germane to the contracts and approving the ratification of change orders is in the best interest of the state as the vendors performed the work. See 720 ILCS 5/33E-9.

What steps has the Department taken to prevent further occurrences of this violation?

As part of the ratification request IDOT in cooperation with the CPO's office will be conducting trainings in district offices to properly train district procurement and contracting staff on the proper procurement process to be used on change orders/amendments and any other procurement actions. This training will begin after January 1, 2022.

What were the circumstances that caused this violation of the Code or Rules?

Lack of knowledge and training in procurement and contract administration.

What impact would there be on the State if the ratification is denied?

Vendors who provided services would not be paid.

Agency Procurement Officer Signature

Date

1-13-22

Secretary of Transportation Signature

Date

2/4/2022

CPO Determination and Signature

I determine that ratification is the best interest of the State and approve this request.

I deny this request.

CPO Comments

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date

2/4/22