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Sean,

I have been gathering contact information for us. I have also received and attached to this e-mail revised reports from Delbert. I asked my procurement director to outline the bid protest process. I have attached the process as well as the section of law that guides protests.

I think that we should focus on the following areas:

- Suggestions to improve the overall procurement process, noting if changes in legislation would be required.
- Even though another member of our panel has touched on technology procurement issues, I think that we should ask procurement officials for suggestions to improved the technology procurement process, indicating where the improvement would require a legislative change.
- Improvements to be made to the bid protest process (i.e. one suggestion may be to raise the present threshold for protests above the current level of \$50,000)
- Suggestions to streamline the construction procurement and contract change order process at the State Engineer's office

I have developed a list of state agency procurement contacts from small, medium, and larger agencies. I have divided their names between the two of us so that we can call them. If you feel that it will be more beneficial to bring them together as a group, please let me know, and I will try to arrange a meeting. Some of these contacts may not be able to answer questions concerning all types of procurements, but they will be able to point us to the appropriate persons in their respective agencies. If possible, I would like to finish the interview phase next week and get back together with you with the results. Please let me know what your schedule will allow.

Thanks,
Marcia

Sean:

- Ron Flowers, Procurement Manager - Francis Marion University (843)661-1161
- Patti Larimore, Procurement Manager - Department of Health and Human Services (803)898-2667
- Ivry Moon, Procurement Manager - Department of Health and Environmental Control (803)898-3481
- Ruthie Bishop, Procurement Manager - Department of Juvenile Justice (803)896-5643
- Bill Pace, Procurement Manager - Department of Natural Resources (803)734-3976
- Gary Smith, Procurement Manager - Department of Social Services (803)898-3509

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- Venis Manigo, Procurement Director - University of South Carolina (803)777-4115
- Wes Stokes, Facility Management - Vocational Rehabilitation (803)896-6839
- Don Lemmons, Procurement Manager - Department of Corrections (803)896-1952
- Cheryl Thompson, Procurement Manager - Probation, Pardon, and Parole (803)734-9238
- Lisa Traylor, Procurement Manager - Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (803)734-1302
- Shannon Hicks, Procurement Manager - Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (803)896-4335

