



Gulf Consortium Directors and Alternates:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Solicitation Document for the State Expenditure Plan Consultant (Agenda item # 12) will not be available for consideration at the Board meeting on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. In recognition that this document is of vital importance to the Consortium, the Solicitation Document will be completed and provided to you at least two full weeks before the next Board meeting on March 26th. This revised timeline will allow ample opportunity to examine every detail of this significant Solicitation Document, and provide an opportunity to incorporate any appropriate outcomes from the January 24 visioning session, prior to its publication.

A draft of the Procurement Policy (Agenda Item # 11) is now available at this site:  
[www.FACRESTORE.com](http://www.FACRESTORE.com)

The Draft Procurement Policy is intended to provide a firm legal structure for the Consortium to issue the Solicitation Document. Because the Policy has been drafted to specifically address the State Expenditure Plan solicitation, it must be carefully reviewed and compared with the Solicitation Document, when it becomes available prior to the next meeting. Accordingly, Agenda Item #11 will be discussed in workshop fashion during the January 24 meeting, take input from the Board and finalize the Procurement Policy after the Solicitation Document becomes available in time for Board consideration at the March Board meeting.

***Final coordination notes for Friday's meeting.*** The cafeteria in the building next door to the Carr Building (where we are meeting) is the closest eating facility. Chair Robinson has requested, if possible, to get your lunch prior to the

Consortium Meeting so we can "brown bag" and have a working lunch. Soft drinks and water will be provided in the meeting room. Also, DEP has graciously made wifi available during the meeting.

Regards,  
Doug Darling



















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