

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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BOSCOLA AND ROBBINS, APRIL 7, 2004

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 7, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 investigate the Department of General Services strategic
3 sourcing initiative for State and local government
4 procurement; to accurately measure actual savings and costs
5 of strategic sourcing; to review alternative plans examined
6 by the department; to examine the department's development
7 and implementation of strategic sourcing, especially with
8 regard to the impact on Pennsylvania small business; and to
9 analyze procurement spending data.

10 WHEREAS, The people of this Commonwealth deserve the highest
11 quality programs to enhance education, protect public health and
12 safety and foster economic development; and

13 WHEREAS, State officials have a responsibility to ensure that
14 State tax dollars allocated to these programs are being utilized
15 efficiently; and

16 WHEREAS, Government procurement practices offer significant
17 opportunities to reduce costs and improve the efficiency of
18 government operations; and

19 WHEREAS, The Senate believes that improving government
20 procurement can produce significant benefits for Pennsylvania's

1 citizens and communities and that more competition, not less, is
2 the most effective manner to reduce cost for goods and services;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Small businesses employ more than one-half of
5 Pennsylvania's work force and account for nearly 80% of all new
6 jobs created; and

7 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has a responsibility to create an
8 environment in the State where small businesses can grow and
9 thrive; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of General Services reported that it
11 had incomplete procurement data when it began implementing its
12 strategic sourcing initiative and admittedly failed to measure
13 the impact of strategic sourcing on Pennsylvania's small
14 businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, The Senate is concerned that the true impact of both
16 the savings and costs of strategic sourcing cannot be fully and
17 accurately measured without more complete data; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
19 Finance Committee to investigate the Department of General
20 Services strategic sourcing initiative for State and local
21 government procurement to analyze procurement spending data to
22 accurately measure actual savings and costs of strategic
23 sourcing; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
25 Finance Committee to review all other alternative cost-saving
26 methods in addition to strategic sourcing examined by the
27 department; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
29 Finance Committee to investigate the department's development
30 and implementation of strategic sourcing, especially with regard

1 to the impact on Pennsylvania small business; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
3 Finance Committee to collect data about State procurement prior
4 to the State's implementation of strategic sourcing, including,
5 but not limited to, determining the number of small businesses
6 and women-owned and minority-owned businesses currently serving
7 as prime contractors, the dollar value of these contracts and
8 the number of these firms serving as subcontractors; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
11 Finance Committee to collect data about contracts awarded as of
12 April 1, 2004, through the new strategic sourcing process,
13 including, but not limited to, the number of strategic-sourced
14 contracts awarded to small businesses, women-owned and minority-
15 owned businesses, the number of subcontracts delivered to small
16 businesses and women-owned and minority-owned businesses and the
17 dollar amounts delivered to these subcontractors; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
20 hold hearings, take testimony and make its investigations at
21 such places as it deems necessary in this Commonwealth and have
22 the power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
23 appearing before it; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
25 issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate
26 no later than July 1, 2004.