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To: ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES

Subject: Notification Letter - Assembly Bill 1047 (Chapter Number 144, Statues of 2007)

This letter is to inform you of the provisions and benefits in joining the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act), which provides public agencies economic benefits and greater freedom in expediting public works projects. When your agency elects to follow the cost accounting procedures set forth in the *Cost Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual*, prescribed by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUCCAC), it will have the benefits of an increased force account limit and an alternative informal bidding procedure.

Established in 1983, the CUCCAC has provided the State Controller with recommended policies and procedures for public projects. The Commission membership is comprised of representatives from both public agencies and private industry. Every five years, the CUCCAC reviews the informal bid limits for inflation and other factors to determine whether increases should be made. The last increases to limits were in July 1, 2005.

Any city, county, redevelopment agency, special district, school district, and community college district can voluntarily elect to become a participant of the Act. After opting into the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, participants enjoy the advantage of the streamlined awards process, as well as reductions in paperwork related to advertising and report filing. In return, the participating agency agrees to always adhere to the terms of the Act until it formally opts out by resolution of its governing board. For more details or contact information, please visit our website at <http://www.sco.ca.gov/ard/local/cuccac>.

Sincerely,

JOHN CHIANG
California State Controller