

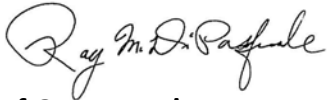
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TO: Members of the Board of Governors for Higher Education

FROM: Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner 

RE: **Approval of Updates to the Board of Governors' Procurement Regulations.**

The Board of Governors for Higher Education maintains its own purchasing regulations that are written to parallel the State Purchasing statutes and regulations while addressing the particular needs of higher education.

The University of Rhode Island's Purchasing, Capital Projects and Legal Counsel have recommended the update of the Board's Purchasing Regulations of 2006 to reflect recent statutory changes and interpretations in the following areas:

- 1) Amendments pertaining to construction projects.
- 2) Delegated Purchasing Authority limitation changes.
- 3) Changes to the selection process for architectural, engineering and consultant services in excess of \$20,000.
- 4) Public copy requirements related to public works projects.

In addition, members of the Committee also suggested that additional language be proposed and reviewed for §5.12 regarding the role of the Board and the Office of Higher Education regarding notification, review and approval of certain purchasing by the institutions and the Office pursuant to §37-2-7(16) and §37-2-18.2.

Revisions to the Board of Governors' Procurement Regulations were presented to the Board as a Facilities, Finance and Management Committee item at the Board meeting of January 23, 2012. The revised regulations now come before the Board for approval and adoption.

Accordingly, I recommend:

THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves and adopts the proposed amendments to the Board of Governors' Procurement Regulations as presented.