

lieu of written agreements for classes of contractual services; revising terminology; creating s. 287.136, F.S.; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to perform audits of executed contract documents and to discuss such audits with the agency officials; requiring the agency head to respond to the audit; amending s. 287.076, F.S.; providing that Project Management Professionals training for personnel involved in managing outsourcings and negotiations is subject to annual appropriations; amending ss. 16.0155, 283.33, 394.457, 402.7305, 409.9132, 427.0135, 445.024, 627.311, 627.351, 765.5155, and 893.055, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing effective dates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

119.0701 Contracts; public records.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) “Contractor” means an individual, partnership, corporation, or business entity that enters into a contract for services with a public agency and is acting on behalf of the public agency as provided under s. 119.011(2).

(b) “Public agency” means a state, county, district, authority, or municipal officer, or department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government created or established by law.

(2) In addition to other contract requirements provided by law, each public agency contract for services must include a provision that requires the contractor to comply with public records laws, specifically to:

(a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the service.

(b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.

(d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

(3) If a contractor does not comply with a public records request, the public agency shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract.

Section 2. Section 215.971, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

215.971 Agreements funded with federal or and state assistance.—

(1) ~~For~~ An agency agreement that provides state financial assistance to a recipient or subrecipient, as those terms are defined in s. 215.97, or that provides federal financial assistance to a subrecipient, as defined by applicable United States Office of Management and Budget circulars, must the agreement shall include all of the following:

(a)(1) A provision specifying a scope of work that clearly establishes the tasks that the recipient or subrecipient is required to perform;; and

(b)(2) A provision dividing the agreement into quantifiable units of deliverables that must be received and accepted in writing by the agency before payment. Each deliverable must be directly related to the scope of work and ~~must~~ specify the required minimum level of service to be performed and the criteria for evaluating the successful completion of each deliverable.

(c) A provision specifying the financial consequences that apply if the recipient or subrecipient fails to perform the minimum level of service required by the agreement. The provision can be excluded from the agreement only if financial consequences are prohibited by the federal agency awarding the grant. Funds refunded to a state agency from a recipient or subrecipient for failure to perform as required under the agreement may be expended only in direct support of the program from which the agreement originated.

(d) A provision specifying that a recipient or subrecipient of federal or state financial assistance may expend funds only for allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the specified agreement period.

(e) A provision specifying that any balance of unobligated funds which has been advanced or paid must be refunded to the state agency.

(f) A provision specifying that any funds paid in excess of the amount to which the recipient or subrecipient is entitled under the terms and conditions of the agreement must be refunded to the state agency.

(g) Any additional information required pursuant to s. 215.97.

(2) For each agreement funded with federal or state financial assistance, the state agency shall designate an employee to function as a grant manager who shall be responsible for enforcing performance of the agreement's terms and conditions and who shall serve as a liaison with the recipient or subrecipient.