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More Than 100 Architectural Design Work Orders Ready to be Issued Through the Small Business Design Program

Department encourages small businesses to self-certify and become eligible for exclusive contracting opportunities

Harrisburg – The state Department of General Services is preparing to issue more than 100 architectural design work orders to self-certified small businesses through the Small Business Design program, Secretary Sheri Phillips announced today.

“We are very pleased with the response we have received from firms interested in the Small Business Design program,” Phillips said. “With more than 30 small business design firms approved through the Invitation to Qualify process, we feel the competitive environment is at a level where we can begin issuing the work orders.”

The Small Business Design program is a part of Governor Corbett’s Small Business Procurement Initiative, or SBPI. Through the SBPI, certain contracting opportunities are reserved for exclusive competition among self-certified small businesses – those that employ 100 or fewer employees and do not exceed established revenue requirements – enabling them to participate in state contracting opportunities for supplies, services, information technology, and construction and design services as prime contractors.

“This program reinforces Governor Corbett’s commitment to ensuring small businesses are given a fair opportunity to compete for prime state contracting opportunities.” Phillips said. “We encourage all small businesses to self-certify and seek opportunities to do business with the Commonwealth as they become available.”

Secretary Phillips noted that any small design firms interested in participating in the program should complete the online self-certification process detailed at www.smallbusiness.pa.gov and pre-qualification process – ITQ #12072012 Small Business Design. Once qualified, firms may be selected to design state agency funded construction projects with an estimated total project value between \$5,000 and \$300,000.

The small business design firms will be paid based upon a fixed fee percentage of the total base construction allocation.

To view the ITQ and the latest information on Small Business Procurement Initiative opportunities, visit www.emarketplace.state.pa.us. Click on "Solicitations" to access Solicitations Search screen, where you can enter "12072012" in the "Solicitation#" field to view the Small Business Design ITQ. To view all available SBPI opportunities, access the Solicitations Search screen and check the "View Small Business Procurements" box.

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