

## Notice 2023.07 General Services

То:	Agency Procurement Staff
	Central Management Services Bureau of Strategic Sourcing
	State Purchasing Officers
From:	Ellen H. Daley
Date:	January 23, 2023

Subject: Voluntary Nonparticipation – Public Consulting Group CC: Procurement Compliance Monitors Procurement Policy Board Commission on Equity and Inclusion

This notice is effective immediately.

On December 31, 2022, Public Consulting Group, LLC (formerly known as Public Consulting Group, Inc.) ("PCG") and the State of Illinois agreed that PCG will voluntarily abstain from submitting any offer to provide services or products in response to a solicitation from any State of Illinois purchasing agency as defined by Section 1-15.70 of the Procurement Code.

This voluntary nonparticipation is effective from December 31, 2022, through August 1, 2025. The Chief Procurement Officer for General Services (CPO-GS) is one of the parties representing the State of Illinois. The full settlement agreement (the Agreement) may be found on the CPO-GS' website at <a href="https://cpo-general.illinois.gov/suspensions-debarments.html">https://cpo-general.illinois.gov/suspensions-debarments.html</a>. The situation leading to the Agreement may be found on page 173 of the Office of the Inspector General Department of Children and Family Services' report found at <a href="https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/OIG/Documents/oig-annual-report-2023.pdf">https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/aboutus/OIG/Documents/oig-annual-report-2023.pdf</a>.

During the term of the Agreement, agencies shall not solicit nor contract with PCG. Contracting includes any agreement for PCG to provide services or products at any dollar value.

If an agency receives any offer to provide services from PCG, whether in response to a small purchase, Invitation for Bid (IFB), or Request for Proposal (RFP), then the agency shall notify their State Purchasing Officer (SPO). If the offer is received in response to an IFB or RFP, then the agency and the SPO shall follow procedures to declare that PCG is not responsible.



Also, agencies shall not permit PCG to serve as a subcontractor on any State contract. When an agency becomes aware that a potential contractor or contractor intends to use PCG as a subcontractor, the agency shall notify the potential contractor or contractor that PCG has voluntarily excluded themselves from being a subcontractor. The agency shall also notify their SPO.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please ask your State Purchasing Officer or contact the Chief Procurement Office at (217) 558-2231.

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