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SUBJECT: Report for the June 2024 Commission Meeting

Following is the status update of ongoing efforts in Government Relations, Human Resources, and Procurement for June.

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

SWARC Update: The Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC) will hold its next meeting on June 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. See <https://swarc.org/meeting-records/> for more details.

II. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

The Human Resources team continues to focus on recruiting for sports wagering positions and backfilling other positions around the Agency in order to meet the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) vacancy rate reduction plan for the Agency. Currently, the Agency has three (3) active recruitments for June and twenty-two (22) vacant positions, mainly in our Regulatory Oversight Division, and our Accounting, Finance and Operations Division.

The Agency and DBM are waiting to finalize the approved Annual Salary Reviews (ASR) for the Casino Compliance Representative (CCR) classification and structure with the Maryland Professional Employees Council (MPEC), which is the collective bargaining unit representing the CCRs and requested this specific ASR. This action has a July 1 implementation.

III. PROCUREMENT MATTERS

The Procurement team continues to process procurement requests as expeditiously as possible. Below are a few of the procurement matters that the Agency is currently working on:

Regarding the Agency's Lottery Central Monitoring and Control System (LCMCS) #2015-01, the current contract expires in May 2025. The Agency will seek a contract extension later in 2024, to allow adequate time for the RFP process and for the new contract to be in place. The Agency submitted an updated draft RFP to the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for its technical review, and DoIT forwarded the RFP to DGS-OSP on April 19. The Agency received initial feedback from DGS-OSP and a request for certain documentation which the Agency provided. We have asked DGS-OSP when and if they will have further feedback.

Regarding the RFP for Veterans' Organizations Instant Ticket Lottery Machines (ITLMs) and Related Services, the current contract expires in September 2024. The terms and conditions in the statement of work were agreed to and the Agency is currently in negotiations with Diamond on its proposed pricing. Due to the specific provisions in the ITLM law concerning payment to the vendor for the leased equipment, the Agency must ensure the best value for the Veteran's posts as well as the State. When completed, the Agency will prepare a sole source recommendation to submit to DGS-OSP for its review before submission to the Commission for approval and to the BPW for inclusion as an agenda item.