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To: APOs and CUPOs

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From: Audits, State Purchasing Division

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Re: Audit of Awarded and Cancelled Solicitations – April 2026

Background

Section 6.2 of the Georgia Procurement Manual (GPM) requires that “State entities must publish notice of the results of the solicitation process, including any intended or actual contract awards.” The published notice, known as the Notice of Award (NOA), should include the following:

- The name(s) of the successful supplier(s),
- The amount of any contract award,
- The names of the unsuccessful suppliers, and
- The reasons why those suppliers were unsuccessful.

Section 6.2.2.2. of the GPM states, “the NOA is mandatory for announcing any and all awards resulting from solicitations regardless of the dollar amount.” SPD created the form SPD-AP005 Notice of Award to record the NOA.

Furthermore, a state entity may withdraw or cancel a solicitation posted to the Georgia Procurement Registry (GPR). Section 4.8.2. of the GPM requires “a notice of cancellation, SPD-SPR014 RFX Cancellation Notice, will be issued to include either a description or to document the reason for the cancellation.” Posting a cancellation notice to the GPR for a cancelled solicitation is important to ensure transparency in the solicitation process.

What we audited – Awarded Solicitations

SPD Audits identified 99 solicitations posted to the GPR in April 2026, with a status of “awarded” (as of May 26, 2026) from 31 state entities. The awarded solicitations had an estimated value of \$55.0 million and are shown by the solicitation process in **Table 1**.

Table 1
Awarded Solicitations by Solicitation Process
April 2026

Solicitation Process	Number Awarded
Request for Quotes (RFQ)	59
Sole Source	29
Consortia	11
Total	99
Source: Georgia Procurement Registry	

Results – Awarded Solicitations

Using the requirements from the GPM and State law as guidance, the audit identified the following:

- 50 (86%) of the 58 awarded solicitations requiring an NOA contained the SPD-AP005 Notice of Award (NOA) form.
- Eight (14%) of the 58 awarded solicitations requiring an NOA did not contain the required SPD-AP005 Notice of Award (NOA) form.
- 41 awarded solicitations were not subject to the State Purchasing Act and not under the purview of the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). Consequently, these solicitations are not subject to posting the NOA as the GPM requires.

What we audited – Cancelled Solicitations

SPD Audits identified 19 solicitations posted to the GPR in April 2026 that had a status of “cancelled” (as of May 26, 2026) from 11 state entities. The cancelled solicitations are shown by the solicitation process in **Table 2**.

Table 2
Cancelled Solicitations by Solicitation Process
April 2026

Solicitation Process	Number Cancelled
Request for Quotes (RFQ)	17
Request for Qualified Contractors (RFQC)	1
Request for Proposals (RFP)	1
Total	19
Source: Georgia Procurement Registry	

Results – Cancelled Solicitations

Using the requirements from the GPM and State law as guidance, the audit identified the following:

- Seven (56%) of the 13 cancelled solicitations requiring a cancellation notice contained the required SPD-SPR014 RFX Cancellation Notice.
- Six (44%) of the 13 cancelled solicitations requiring a cancellation notice did not contain the required SPD-SPR014 RFX Cancellation Notice.

- Six of the cancelled solicitations were not subject to the State Purchasing Act and not under the purview of DOAS. Consequently, these solicitations are not subject to posting the cancellation notice as the GPM requires.

Conclusion

Where it occurs, SPD Audits will contact the state entities that did not post the NOA or cancellation notice and ask them to upload or publish the required form as soon as possible. SPD will continue to monitor solicitations posted in prior months of fiscal year 2026, which remained “open” or “under evaluation” at the time of the audit to ensure that the required actions are taken.

Historical Trends

The percentage of awarded solicitations with NOAs has increased from 88% in fiscal year 2023 to 91% in fiscal year 2026 (as of April 30, 2026) and the percentage of cancellations with cancellation notices has increased from 60% in fiscal year 2023 to 69% in fiscal year 2026 (as of April 30, 2026). Both trends indicate increased compliance with the GPM.

Recommendations

1. SPD should deliver a webinar for sourcing event buyers which provides details on how to correctly complete and post award and cancellation notices to events in all of the various systems of record.
2. APOs and CUPOs should review, with staff involved in the solicitation posting process, the requirements in:
 - a. Section 4.8.2. of the GPM regarding the posting of SPD-SPR014 RFX Cancellation Notice. APOs and CUPOs should review all recently cancelled events and post any missing cancellation notices, where required.
 - b. Section 6.2.2. of the GPM regarding the posting of SPD-AP005 Notice of Award. APOs and CUPOs should review all recently awarded events and post any missing NOAs, where required.