

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations and the Environment
Notice of Public Hearing
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COUNCILMEMBER MARY M. CHEH, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Announces a Public Hearing on

Bill 18-610, the "Omnibus Procurement Reform Amendment Act of 2010"
Bill 18-635, the "Procurement Reform Act of 2010"

March 23, 2010
10:30 AM
Room 500
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

On Tuesday, March 23, 2010, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, will hold a public hearing on Bill 18-610, the "Omnibus Procurement Reform Amendment Act of 2010", and B18-635, the "Procurement Reform Act of 2010."

Bill 18-610 seeks to improve efficiency, oversight, and transparency in the District's contracting system. Specifically, this bill would (1) create a procurement ombudsman to monitor contracts and conduct audits; (2) build a website to maintain an array of contract documents, District agency procurement regulations, and information related to staff members involved in a particular contract; (3) require that sole-source contracts be posted online two weeks before they are awarded and that the District post all emergency contracts within one week of being awarded; (4) directs that an environmental impact analysis be conducted on all contracts in excess of \$100,000; and (5) institutes training requirements for contracting staff and includes mandates for timely planning of all District contracts. Bill 18-635 would replace the Procurement Practices Act of 1985 with a revised procurement law. The public hearing will begin at 10:30 AM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Aukima Benjamin, staff assistant to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, at 724-8062, or via e-mail at abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony and submit a copy of their testimony electronically to abenjamin@dccouncil.us. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee on Government Operations and the Environment, or to Ms. Cynthia Brock-Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at the end of the business day on March 30, 2010.