



PROCUREMENT BULLETIN

Dear Public Officials:

I am pleased to announce that on June 6, 2014, the Office of the Inspector General’s Hinton State Laboratory Investigation Team received the Manuel Carballo Governor’s Award for Excellence in Public Service. The Commonwealth’s Performance Recognition Program recognizes the outstanding contributions of state employees who play a major role in the successful delivery of quality services to the citizens of Massachusetts. The Manuel Carballo Governor’s Award is the Commonwealth’s highest honor for public employees. A special Selection Committee reviews nominations received from state agencies and makes recommendations to the Governor. The committee is comprised of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and community leaders. It is with my sincere gratitude that I congratulate the members of the Hinton State Laboratory Investigation Team on all of their hard work and dedication regarding this comprehensive investigation.

On June 9, 2014, the Office of the Inspector General hosted a delegation of professionals from Russia who were in Boston on an exchange program organized through the U.S. Department of State. The delegation was comprised of representatives from government agencies, businesses, the press and higher education. We had a comprehensive discussion about such topics as the Office’s mission, accountability and transparency in government, maintaining independence from outside influences, and the process for appointing the Inspector General. Members of the delegation were especially interested in learning about the role of the Inspector General’s Office as the state’s primary mechanism for monitoring fraud, waste and abuse in local government. We also discussed how the Office reviews legislation and works with state agencies to identify areas of vulnerability to fraud, waste and abuse.

In this issue of the *Procurement Bulletin*, you will find an article pertaining to procurement files, a piece on how to prepare for emergency procurements and helpful answers to frequently asked procurement questions. Also included within this edition are photos from MCPPO’s most recent presentation of *A Story of a Building*, which the Office co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). This seminar, held at Maynard High School, offered a unique blend of active learning and traditional presentations. Different panels composed of MSBA staff, school officials, architects, engineers, students and others presented various facets of the construction project. For instance, Maynard’s operations manager spoke about how to adapt to and understand new systems, while students demonstrated the extensive educational capabilities of their personal iPads. A tour of the grounds showcased the incredible design and gave attendees a true feel for the new building. I would like to extend my appreciation to the staff at the MSBA for collaborating with us on this valuable class. I also would like to thank the officials at Maynard High School and all of the presenters for helping to make this such a successful and informative event.

As always, I thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing the Office’s publications and wish you all a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Cunha
Inspector General

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NOTICE:

The MCPPO class schedule for the Fall 2014 semester will be available in the near future.

Information regarding all upcoming classes will be posted on our website at

<http://www.mass.gov/ig/mcppo/>.

Highlights from some recent classes can also

be found within this

publication.





Highlights from the most recent presentation of

STORY OF A BUILDING

Maynard High School — May 29, 2014

Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts School Building Authority

THANK YOU to MSBA staff, Maynard High School staff and Perkins+Will
for their work and coordination of this successful event!

Charles Caragianes,
Principal



Robert Gerardi,
Superintendent



Maynard High School



Stained Glass in Art Room



School Library



Outdoor Dining Area



Story of a Building Panelists



Weight Room/Gym



Be sure to keep an eye out for future "Story of a Building" seminars and locations.