

Strengthening Contract Management in Idaho

Report Highlights

July 2014

Contract management is a priority to the Legislature

Four pieces of legislation affecting contract management in Idaho were passed in the 2013 and 2014 sessions. Two of these bills directed the Department of Administration to take action based on the findings and recommendations of the OPE evaluation.

2013

HCR 18

Directed Department of Administration to develop a plan to address findings in OPE report.

HB 81

Removed the sunset clause within Idaho Code § 67-5728 allowing institutions of higher education to be exempt from Division of Purchasing procurement rules.

2014

HB 647

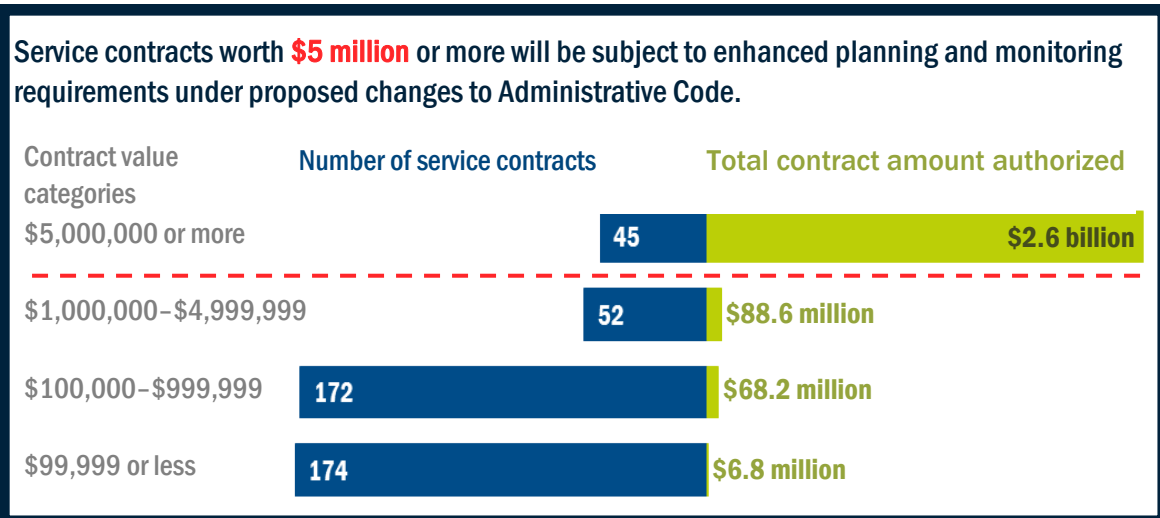
Appropriation bill provided legislative intent directing the Department of Administration to develop a best practices checklist and statewide monitoring system as described in OPE evaluation.

HB 408

Clarified that the Division of Purchasing is authorized and empowered to formulate rules in the conduct of purchasing.

The Division of Purchasing has made progress in implementing changes

The division conducted an internal analysis of contract planning and management practices and formulated a plan to improve the state's contracting process. The division's plan focuses on high-dollar service contracts with a value of \$5 million or more.



We consider the proposed changes to administrative rule to be an adequate and practical framework for contract monitoring.

Additional division actions

- Updated reference materials, available now on division website
- Purchased new e-procurement system
- Expanded training program
- Published proposed changes to Administrative Code on June 4, 2014

For more information, or to view the full report, go to: www.legislature.idaho.gov/ope/

