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SUBJECT: Report for the May 2024 Commission Meeting

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

I. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MATTERS

A. Regulations:

The Agency filed its Notice of Final Action on the proposed regulations that appeared in the December 29 edition of *the Maryland Register*. See for the proposed regulations <https://dsd.maryland.gov/MDRIssues/5026/Assembled.aspx> This Notice of Final Action should appear in the May 17 edition of the *Maryland Register* and, once published, the regulations will become effective on May 27.

B. SWARC Update:

The Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC) may hold its next meeting in June 2024, if the MLGCC finds certain applicants suitable for Sports Wagering licenses at its next meeting. See <https://swarc.org/meeting-records/> for more details.

II. HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS

Sandra Green, the Human Resources (HR) Manager, and her team continue 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 only has twenty-two (22) active recruitments for May, mainly for positions in our Regulatory Oversight Division, and our Accounting, Finance and Operations Division.

We continue to meet with representatives from DBM about the approved Annual Salary Reviews (ASR) for the Casino Compliance Representative (CCR) classification and structure. We had our final meeting with DBM to finalize the position descriptions for the CCR classification series; now, DBM will send the CCR classification packet to the local Maryland Professional Employees Council representatives (MPEC) for review. MPEC is the collective bargaining unit representing the CCRs and requested this specific ASR. This action has a July 1 implementation.

III. PROCUREMENT MATTERS

John Lloyd, Director of Procurement, and his team continue 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 OSP on April 19.

Regarding the RFP for Veterans' Organizations Instant Ticket Lottery Machines (ITLMs) and Related Services, the current contract expires in September 2024. The Agency provided the incumbent contractor, Diamond Game, with an updated Statement of Work (SOW) in early March. After we agree to all the terms, Diamond will provide its proposed pricing. When completed, the Agency will prepare a sole source recommendation to submit to OSP for its review before submission to the Commission for approval and to the Board of Public Works (BPW) as an agenda item.