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I am Louise Carol Mott, the LCM initials that were mentioned on emails and documents throughout this hearing.

I started working for Dr. John Tantlinger in the Energy Branch after my last month of service in the Navy in August 1991 and worked for Dr. Tantlinger for 10 years as a Clerk Typist.

After hearing his testimony, I never knew he held me in such low regard. I know that I am appreciated and well respected where I now work in ASO/Contracts.

I am disappointed with the way this proposal was handled by DBEDT Professionals, if they had relied on ASO/Contracts to do our job, we would not be here today, as the record of ASO/Contracts shows we have never had any reason to go to an "Administrative Hearing" much less a Senate Hearing.

I know the process of the IFB/RFP because I have worked in Contracts for 6 1/2 years as a Contracts Assistant.

The duties of the job as a Contracts Assistant are drafting consultant contracts and specifications and assisting in drafting engineering contracts and specifications.

 Train program staff involved in preparing, negotiating, or managing contracts regarding proper procedures.

- Assists program staff and the public in completing contract forms by providing exact information; check applications and forms for accuracy, legibility, and completeness such as registration for bids according to routine procedures.
- Serve as liaison with the Attorney General's office and the State Procurement office regarding contracts, general trouble-shooter for problems and as coordinator between the Director's Office and programs in technical aspects of contracts.
- Coordinates with legal, departmental and division staff, on contracts, and documents as to form, content, adequacy, modifications, and the processing of contracts and documents.
- Initiates and coordinates the printing and assembling of plans and specifications for solicitations so they will be available at the time contracts are advertised for bids.
- Reviews and finalizes all legal notices, advertisements for bid, instructions for bidders, bid proposal, determines dates for advertising and notifies affected persons. Ensures that such advertisements are processed in time for publication.
- Issues plans, specifications and addenda to potential bidders.

- Provides information to bidders and the general public on the nature, terms and conditions of the bid's requirements, bid opening date and bid results.
- Attends bid and proposal openings and record the results.
- Established and maintains contract files for each contract which includes procurement and departmental approvals, draft contracts and any other pertinent documents.
- Etc., Etc.

When the branch got off the procurement path, I thought it would be trouble; I voiced my concerns as they were, but as Dr. Tantlinger stated I was dismissed out of hand as I am just a Clerk and not part of the selection process.

I have been offered representation, I don't think I need it -- all I can tell you about is my experience with how the IFB/RFP process has been handled by ASO/Contracts before this instance.

I don't speak lawyer, so if you ask direct questions it will help me give direct answers.

Thank you