

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7, § 55(c) and M.G.L. c. 30A, the Office of the State Auditor will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Conference Room 3, Boston, MA 02108 relative to the adoption of:**

### **965 CMR 5.00 Privatization Contracts**

The proposed regulations will govern the process that agencies and applicable authorities must follow when seeking to contract for services, which are substantially similar to and in lieu of, services which regular state or authority employees presently perform. The proposed regulations will govern privatization of state services pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7, §§ 52 through 55.

The Office of the State Auditor will provide interested parties with an opportunity to present comments orally or in writing at the hearing. Individuals may also provide written comments through mail or e-mail in advance of the hearing date or during the comment period after the hearing. The comment period will close at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Individuals may e-mail comments to [osa.regulations@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:osa.regulations@sao.state.ma.us). Please note that comments which the Office of the State Auditor receives may be considered public records.

The Office of the State Auditor has published a copy of the proposed regulations on its website <http://www.mass.gov/auditor>. Individuals may mail a request for a copy of the proposed regulations or submit any written comments regarding the regulations to: Deputy Auditor & General Counsel Timothy V. Dooling, Office of the State Auditor, One Ashburton Place, Room 1819, Boston, MA 02108 or call (617) 727-6200. The Office of the State Auditor will consider written comments received on or before 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Please direct any accommodation requests regarding this Public Hearing to Assistant General Counsel Michael P. Ruane, Office of the State Auditor, One Ashburton Place, Room 1819, Boston, MA 02108 or through e-mail to [michael.ruane@sao.state.ma.us](mailto:michael.ruane@sao.state.ma.us) or by phone to (617) 727-6200. The Office of the State Auditor accepts telephone calls through MassRelay, accessed through dialing 711 from a telephone or teletypewriter (TTY), and Video Relay Service (VRS) from those who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, or speech disabled. Please allow two weeks to schedule sign language interpreters.

Please note that the Office of the State Auditor will audio and/or video record the Public Hearing. The Office of the State Auditor may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulations taking into account relevant comments that come to its attention. The Office of the State Auditor will post any hearing cancellation announcement on its website.

Date of Notice: August 10, 2017