Georgia Department of Education

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2015 Appropriation – FY 17
Entitlement

• Entitlement funded at 100%

• FY 2016 Applications Funded at Full Request
  • Regular Funding of $202 MM to support $623 MM in total project costs
    • $98 MM for 12 new facilities
    • Balance to support:
      • Additions in 21 facilities
      • 31 renovation projects
      • 111 modification projects

• No Regular Advanced Funded projects in FY 2016
2016 Appropriation

• Low Wealth Projects Funded
  • $47.8 MM in requests
  • $16 MM in redirects
  • $31.8 MM to support $46 MM in actual project costs

• Additional Low Wealth Funded
  • $5.9 MM for additional support to school systems that meet specific project criteria
Legislative Update

• SB 59  Partnership for Public Facilities Infrastructure Act

• SR 287  Proposed Constitutional Amendment (Opportunity School District)
  • Election to be held November 2016

• SB 133  Enabling Legislation to Support SR 287
  • Impact to Capital Outlay
  • Effective January 2017 upon ratification of Constitutional Amendment
Legislative Update

• SB 147 To require competitive bidding of professional services
  • Referred to committee then withdrawn
• HB 85 Alcohol and Grocery Stores within 100 yards of schools
• HB 255 Green Building Standards
• HB 987 Title 20 Clean Up
  • Expands the definition of capital outlay
COPS Planning Software Update

• 2015 Local Facility Plan Update and Renewal Complete and Certified

• Architect Estimates can be entered directly by your architect. Must request system architect role from portal security officer.

• When a firm other than registered architect enters estimates, the estimates must be reviewed by your architect and noted in the Plan Overview tab.

• Enhancements continue to be made to the program. Please share insights with consultants.
Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting

- O.C.G.A. 50-37
- SBOE Rule 160-5-4-.22
- Allows for systems to enter into long term contracts with Energy Service Providers for guaranteed savings
- Streamlines the procurement process
- Consider as an alternative funding source when entitlement dollars are committed to eligible projects

6/12/2015
Reimbursement Trip Wires

• Phasing: Who said we don’t teach creativity in our schools?
  • Phasing plans are required in preliminary submittals.
  • Share your application with your architect. What he/she submits must match your LFP and your application.

• Grouping Projects
  • Invoices must be broken out by facility and project.
  • Remember that what you do must be in your application.
  • Let your application be your guide.
Reimbursement Trip Wires

• 18 Month Rule
  • 160-5-4-.16(a)10 Guideline for Reimbursement of State Funded Projects
    • Any invoices received by the GaDOE Facilities Services Section that are more that 18 months old when the bonds were sold are not eligible for reimbursement.
    • Bond rule governed by IRS regulation; can result in loss of reimbursement for otherwise eligible expenses.
Reimbursement Trip Wires

• Changes and Amendments to Applications
  • Keep these to a minimum if possible
  • When necessary, consider the following:
    • A Local Board resolution is required
    • Changes in plans may require new submittals
    • Communicate changes to your field consultant

• The Mandatory Addendum
What is Ahead?

- June 2015  
  Bond Sale

- August 2015  
  Funds Available for Reimbursement

- July 1 – Aug. 15  
  FY 2017 Applications Completed

- Aug. 15 – Sept. 1  
  GaDOE Review and Application Approval

- Sept. 1  
  Capital Outlay Budget Request to OPB
While You are Here

• Meet with your GaDOE facilities consultant to review:
  • FY 2016 Entitlement Sheets (accessed from COPS Planning)
  • Advance Funding Records (accessed from COPS Planning)
  • FY 2016 Funding Contracts
  • Prepare for upcoming 5 Year Plan reviews
Questions?