**Section 1300.5555 Hearings and Decisions**

a) The CPO shall conduct public hearings prior to awarding contracts for sole source procurements pursuant to Section 1300.2025 and before extending emergency procurements pursuant to Section 1300.2030.

b) Notices of hearings shall be published in the Bulletin at least 14 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

1) All notices shall include the date, time and location of the public hearing.

2) Notices for sole source procurements shall include the sole source procurement justification form, a description of the item to be procured, and the intended sole source contractor.

3) Notices for extending emergency procurements shall include the CPO's written justification for the emergency contract and the name of the contractor.

c) A copy of the notice and all documents provided at the hearing shall be included in the subsequent Bulletin.

d) The OAG PPCMB and members of the public may present testimony at the hearings.

e) The hearings shall be held in the offices of the Attorney General or at some other convenient location readily accessible to members of the public.

f) The CPO or his or her designee shall preside over the hearings and shall issue a written determination within 14 calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing.

g) Copies of all statements and exhibits introduced at the hearings, the written determination of the CPO or designee, and a summary of the proceedings at the hearings shall be included in the appropriate procurement files.

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