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STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY NEWSLETTER
FOR LaMATS MEMBERS

"What types of projects qualify for consideration in the State Capital Outlay Program?"

- Eligible projects would include but not be limited to: land acquisition; site development and improvement; acquisition, construction or renovation of buildings; public infrastructure: water, sewer and wastewater, drainage, roads and bridges; recreation; economic development
- Capital Outlay is not for operating or routine maintenance expenses.
- Projects should have an anticipated useful life of 20 years or more.
- Projects must be for a "public purpose".

"Who can apply for State Capital Outlay funding?"

State Agencies, Local Government Entities, and Non-Profit Organizations are eligible to apply for State Capital Outlay funding.

STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM CALENDAR OF KEY EVENTS
July – December 2022

July	If you have a Capital Outlay appropriation in HB 2 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature you will receive a memorandum from the Division of Administration with instructions in July. **You cannot enter into contracts committing your Capital Outlay funding without prior approval from Facility Planning, so wait for the instructions.**
July 21	State Bond Commission traditionally reauthorizes prior year Lines of Credit.
Aug - Nov	The Division of Administration traditionally submits recommendations for Lines of Credit for "new" Priority 2 and 5 General Obligation Bond appropriations for consideration at the September, October or November Bond Commission meetings; but it is possible that some could be considered in August.
November 1	Deadline for submittal of Capital Outlay Requests for consideration in the 2023 Legislative Session. Submittal after November 1st is limited by possible, but the "late submittal" process has restrictions on the type and cost of projects eligible.
**********	Interim Emergency Board has the authority to change the scope of project, change the entity to which an appropriation is made, and change the Bond Priority of an appropriation. This can be requested at any of their meetings.

Through an agreement with LaMATS, James Purpera (former State Capital Outlay Budget Analyst) will provide LaMATS members with two Capital Outlay newsletters per year; and will also provide each member with up to one hour of consultation per year by phone or email to answer questions about any part of the State Capital Outlay process.

Additional consulting services, tailored to individual client needs, will be negotiated directly between you and James Purpera. The following resume gives more information about the full range of services available from James Purpera Governmental Consulting.

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RESUME

James Purpera is not a lobbyist, but as a result of 30 years in state government working on the assembly line at every level of the State Budget process for both the Division of Administration and the Legislature; plus working as a private Capital Outlay Consultant since 2008, James Purpera has developed a solid understanding of the process and is equipped to provide valuable advice and assistance to you in your efforts to request and compete for funding in the State Capital Outlay (i.e. construction) Program, and to maneuver through the legislative and bureaucratic process. In addition to advice and assistance provided in response to individual client issues, James Purpera also provides email newsletters and other email and phone updates throughout the annual State Budget process: to provide status reports about what is going on in the Capital Outlay process; to advise and remind clients about what they should be doing at each step in the process to maximize chances for success; and to help clients (and their engineers or architects) understand the technical and paperwork requirements of the process before and after a project is funded. James Purpera's clients include ports, airports, municipalities, parish governments and other governmental entities, sheriff, fire department, non-profit organizations, engineering firms and lobbyists.

No one can guarantee success but as a former Budget Analyst and Budget Manager in the State Capital Outlay Program, James Purpera understands how and when decisions are made in the State Budget process; and understands the bureaucratic process that funded projects have to maneuver through.