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STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY NEWSLETTER

**January – June 2026
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”.
- Most projects require a 25% local match and a long-term maintenance escrow fund.

“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

January – June 2026

Jan - February	The Division of Administration will be completing their review of Capital Outlay Budget Requests and will be developing recommendations for the Governor to review and consider for inclusion in his Capital Outlay Recommendations to the Legislature.
February 1	Last day for Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay to meet to consider approval of Late Capital Outlay Request submittals. This deadline applies to projects with a cost of \$1,000,000 or less. After February 1 st , there is a separate process for Late Approval, but it is limited to “emergency projects”, or “economic development projects on public property”.
March 9	2026 Regular Legislative Session starts.
March 16	Governor submits Capital Outlay Budget Bill (House Bill No. 2) to the Legislature. (8 th day of the Session.)
June 1	2026 Regular Legislative Session ends.

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. The State Capital Outlay Program provides funding for State Agencies, Local Government Entities and Non-Profit Organizations "for acquiring land, buildings, equipment, or other permanent properties, or for their preservation or development or permanent improvement". 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.

A complete list of clients/references can be furnished upon request. For additional information, you can phone James Purpera at 225-316-1346; or email him at jpurpera@bellsouth.net.

About James Purpera's Experience and Consulting Services

In 2008, after retiring from the State with more than 30 years of state government experience, James Purpera started a consulting business and is now using his knowledge and solid understanding of the art and science of state government and the political process to assist local government entities and non-profit organizations in their efforts to successfully maneuver through the State Capital Outlay Process.

James Purpera has extensive experience in the State Capital Outlay process having worked for the Division of Administration (Facility Planning & Control) as a Budget Analyst and Budget Manager in the Capital Outlay program, and then having worked for the Legislature as a Budget Analyst for the Ways and Means Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

James Purpera has long been recognized for his expertise in the area of State Budgets, particularly the Capital Outlay Budget. James Purpera has had articles about the Capital Outlay process published in the Louisiana Municipal Review and in the Ports Association of Louisiana newsletter. In addition, he has conducted Capital Outlay instructional classes for various organizations.

James Purpera understands the technical requirements which are essential to make a request, and he understands that "appropriate" follow-up strategy at every step in the process is what gives a request its best chance for funding.

If you have an interest in requesting Capital Outlay funding, but lack the knowledge of the process, staff or time to keep up with the rules, prepare an effective request or follow-up strategy, then James Purpera will be able to assist you.

The Capital Outlay Request is the most straight forward part of the process, so if you have already submitted a request, James Purpera may be able to assist you with tracking and follow-up strategy so that your request does not miss any opportunities for consideration.

If you have a project that has already been funded, but lack the knowledge of the process, staff or time to keep up with the paperwork and other bureaucratic requirements, then James Purpera can help you understand the bureaucracy that funded projects have to maneuver through.

James Purpera's fees for service will vary based on the type of service needed.