

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PUBLISHING COUNCIL

April 29, 2004 MEETING

MINUTES

Members Present

Lee Campbell	BLM
Kathy Bauer	BOR
Bert Simon	USGS
Jim Chase	NBC
Pat Corrigan	PAM
Debra Melton	NPS

Members Absent

Margaret Quick	OSM
Ruth Smith	BIA
Gina Johnson	MMS

Guests

Vickie Romero	BOR
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Status of the Charter and DM 314

There has been no new word on the status of the Departmental approval of the revised charter and the revised DM 314 that is accompanying it. Pat will update us as soon as there is some news.

Sub-Committee Working on the JCP Printing and Binding Regulations Rewrite

The sub-committee reconvened to discuss comments made by Fred Antoun an attorney representing the Printing Institute of America. Mr. Antoun's issues concern the 5,000/25,000 rule for duplicating VS printing work. He would like to see that number reduced so that the private printers could get more of the government's duplicating work. He feels that the way the regulation is written now the private sector is losing out on this large category of government work. The Council members felt that we as managers need to have as many options as possible to get our work done. Many times, in-house equipment is used to produce work with short turnaround times and of a sensitive nature. If we were to lose this capability we would be forced to rely on our contracts 100% of the

time. This would raise our prices and deny the government the opportunity to utilize much of the newer technology that is available in this market segment.

Jim Chase's operation would be targeted if this change were implemented. Much of Jim's work is short turnaround and he feels that as long as he does not solicit work from outside agencies he is performing the service his operation was originally created to perform.

Waiver for Copying

Bert has spoken to Jim Bradley twice since the last meeting about our request for a waiver for copy work. Jim made an additional suggested change in our wording. Bert and Lee talked it over and Bert made the change and sent it back to Jim. We feel we are very close and hope this will be the last suggestion from Jim.

GPO Issues

The GSA/Kinko's promotion is still at OBM for resolution.

GPO has announced plans to consolidate and modernize its space at Main GPO. They will reduce the amount of space they will utilize and sell it off to a redevelopment agency. Money from the proceeds will be used to pay for the renovations.

The Superintendent of Documents has held an initial meeting with a group of private and public sector representative to discuss ways of generating between \$30 and \$50 million from the on-line book stores operation. Lee read some of the minutes from the meeting. Most of the representatives felt that in order to turn that kind of profit, GPO would have to begin selling information that is already available on the web at no cost. GPO would have to re-format or repackage the information. In doing that, they would then be competing with the private sector companies who perform that very service.

Changes to Federal Prison Industries (FPI) as a mandatory source for government procurements. While there have been complaints from the private sector that they are being excluded from federal procurements because of the mandatory use of FPI, any changes to this requirement appear to be minor. There is a new ruling that FPI must be considered and given a chance to compete for federal business. The difference between given an opportunity and being a mandatory source is very slight.

Denver GPO Meeting. Lee and Kathy along with representatives from several other agencies met with GPO representatives concerning the level of service that the Denver RPPO provides its customers. The group is traveling to other RPPOs to determine customer reaction and to ultimately decide on which RPPOs might be closed in a cost cutting effort.

Copier BPA

Lee and Bert held a teleconference with Pia Scott from Pat's office and a member of the DOI Procurement Team. Copier BPAs were discussed along with the approach the Department has taken to maximize its purchasing power with other commodities. The DOI Procurement Team will take the lead in developing a strategy for us to use to improve our negotiating power.

JCP # 2 Reports

The JCP #2 Reports for the period ending March 31, 2004 are due to Lee no later than May 15, 2004. Negative reports are still required.

NBC Review of Copier Operations

Over the next couple of months Jim will be looking at NBC copier operations. He will be reviewing equipment utilization, charges, costs and run lengths. He will also be looking at the ways equipment is acquired with the intent of lowering his costs and passing the savings on to his customers.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2004.

See you there!

Agenda Items for May

Status of 314 DM, Charter, and JCP waiver.

Review of each Bureau's policy on managing reprographic equipment.

Changes to and current status of the SPA program.