

## **State and Local Government Sweatfree Consortium Interim Steering Committee**

February 2, 2009- 3-4pm EST

### **Present:**

- Bama Athreya, International Labor Rights Forum (facilitator)
- Bjorn Claeson, SweatFree Communities (note taker)
- Roxana Dietz, State of Pennsylvania
- Liana Foxvog, SweatFree Communities
- Colleen Gardner, State of New York
- Chip Gavin, State of Maine
- Carmen Herrera, City of San Francisco
- Vicki Kaplan, SweatFree Communities
- Galen Leung, City of San Francisco
- Elizabeth Swager, Sweatfree Northwest (guest)
- Farshid Yazdi, City of Los Angeles

### **Agenda Review**

Agenda adopted as proposed.

### **December minutes**

No action needed. Approved at meeting 1/26/09.

### **Reports**

**Vicki:** report on Harrisburg preproposal conference and consortium meeting with 13 procurement officials joining via conference call on January 13. According to follow up conversations with procurement officials the main proposed Consortium services – coordinating complaints investigations and developing an approved vendor list – appear equally desirable.

**Roxana:** bids on independent monitoring services are due on February 4.

**Colleen:** is working on a sweatfree Executive Order for the governor.

**Chip:** Maine's 1% vendor fee went into effect today. It will not be applied retroactively. Fees will accumulate in a non-lapsing account, meaning that funds can carry over from year to year. But funds are expected to be spent as they come in. Estimated revenue from vendor fee: as much as \$5-10K/year

### **White Paper discussion**

*Overall comments:*

Roxana: Like the new proposal – it will be easier for PA to get in.

Chip: On interim basis Maine would support this.

*On dues structure:*

Easier to calculate dues based on population than on budget. In some cases it may be more accurate to use budget as baseline for fees, but at the levels we are discussing it probably will not amount to a significant difference. Population is also linked to numbers served – e.g., larger population means larger police force and more uniforms.

*On public entities appropriating money for enforcement in excess to Consortium dues:*

Should not present a problem. Public entities will be encouraged to provide special grants to consortium for projects such a database development. Public entities could also use additional funds for other enforcement related activities.

*On \$500 entry fee:*

An entry fee will help to create a line of demarcation – those that are in – and allow Consortium to identify a pool of public entities eligible for the initial governing group.

### **Decision process**

- **White paper email comments are due to Bjorn Thursday February 12.**
- **Bjorn will send summary of comments by February 13.**
- **Any further discussion on white paper will take place as needed at next Consortium meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 4-5:30pm eastern time. Chip will send out call-in number.**