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# South Carolina Procurement Review Panel

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## Annual Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 1995-96 for the Procurement Review Panel

Mission Statement: The Procurement Review Panel is responsible for providing an administrative review of formal protests of decisions arising from solicitation award of contracts, the debarment or suspension of a person from consideration for award of a contract, a decision concerning the resolution of a contract or breach of contract controversy, or any other decision, policy, or procedure arising from or concerning the expenditure of state funds for the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction procured in accordance with the provisions of the State Procurement Code.

We only have one Program and that is administration.

Our agency's goal is to provide efficient administrative review for state purchasing protests.

The Program's objective is to provide hearings for vendors that have a grievance with the State's Procurement practices. Within fifteen days of receiving a grievance filed under Sections 11-35-4210(6), 11-35-4220(5), 11-35-4230(6), or 11-35-4410(1)(b), the chairman shall convene the Review Panel to conduct an administrative Review. The Review Panel shall record its determination within thirty days and shall communicate its decision to those involved in the determination. In the alternative, the chairman, within ten days, may appoint a hearing officer to conduct the administrative review and report his recommendations to the Review Panel for its determination. If a hearing officer is appointed, his report shall be submitted to the Review panel within ten days after his appointment, and the Review panel must still record its decision within thirty days after being convened for this purpose. The decision of the Procurement Review Panel is final as to the administrative review and may be appealed to the Circuit Court under the provisions of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

Performance Measures - Our agency performed within our predetermined goals. Our agency was very efficient in that only 1 case was appealed to the Circuit Court. We held eighteen hearings during July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996. Each hearing cost approximately \$1080.00 This includes the cost of mileage, meals, and hotel rooms for panel members that live in Charleston and Anderson.

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