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ent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:15 AM
To: Joan Deery
Cc: rpc1@hargray.com
Subject: Re: Procurement Services

Joan,

My intention was to illustrate the level of transparency a public institution is capable of extending.

The public hasn't expressed much interest in the past in which auditing firm the BCSD uses. But following news of the FBI investigation and questions surrounding our P-Card program, they will be this time around.

I've shared my thoughts with Dr. Berg on this. I've tied this matter to public trust and the referendum for him, as well. I know he's been helping our green officers navigate, but I'm not sure he's intervened on this particular matter.

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JoAnn,

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Joan

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Joan and Rick,

Take a look at this link. It shows how various public institutions around SC handle their RFP meetings:

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