**Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education  
Office of the Chancellor**

**Guidance**

**Suspension of Design and Construction Contracts in Response to COVID-19**

**March 17, 2020**

The State System is implementing the following operational changes in line with Governor Tom Wolf’s mitigation direction regarding COVID-19.   
  
Effective immediately, all design contracts, design work orders, design amendments, design/build contracts, construction contracts, change order work, and JOC purchase orders are suspended STATEWIDE **effective close of business on Wednesday, March 18 until further notice.** This includes both DGS capital as well as university-financed construction projects. Contractors may access the project site through March 18, 2020 to remove tools and equipment and to stabilize the site. Discussions regarding extending design submission deadlines and construction contract completion dates will be held at a future date. No new projects will be released to bid for two weeks. Contracts in the signature cycle will be held for two weeks.   
  
For questions on this issue, please contact Sharon Minnich (Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance) at [sminnich@passhe.edu](mailto:sminnich@passhe.edu).

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