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Two Key City Positions Filled, New Search Opens

Fire Department and Retirement Board positions are filled, Inspectional Services search begins

The Boston Fire Department and the State-Boston Retirement Board have approved the selection of the Chief of Department and Executive Officer respectively earlier this month. The search for both positions was reported in the [July/August Bureau Update](#). As these two positions are filled, another high level administrative position opens up. Bill Good, Director of the Inspectional Services Department for the past seven years is retiring as of December 1, 2011.

Fire Department – Fire Commissioner Rod Fraser announced on November 16 that he had appointed Steve E. Abraira as the Fire Department's Chief of Department. Chief Abraira succeeds Ronald Keating who retired after 41 years of service to the Boston Fire Department. Chief Abraira formerly served as Fire Chief in Palm Bay, Florida and Fire Chief of the City of Dallas, Texas Fire-Rescue Department. He was selected after a nationwide recruitment which resulted in over fifty applicants. Chief Abraira will assume command as of December 5, 2011. He will report to Commissioner Fraser and will serve as the highest ranking uniformed officer in the 1,439 member Boston Fire Department with a FY12 operating budget of \$181.6M. He will be

the only uniformed officer not a member of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 718.

State-Boston Retirement Board – The Board on November 9 selected Daniel J. Greene, Esq. as the new Executive Officer of the State-Boston Retirement System. Mr. Greene had been serving as the Interim Executive Officer since March 2011 when Kathleen Kiely-Becchetti left to become the Director of the Norfolk County Retirement System. Mr. Green previously served as Deputy Director and Investment Officer from 2003 and he will retain his Investment Officer duties. The SBRS has assets of \$3.1B and serves 14,000 retired members and 20,000 active members.

Inspectional Services Department - Bill Good will retire as of December 1 having served as Director of the Department for the past seven years. He has served the City of Boston in high level positions for over thirty years in the Departments of Community Schools, Transportation, and Police. The Mayor will announce his selection for an Interim Commissioner very shortly.