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Re: Critical Emergency Determination, AB STAFFING SOLUTIONS LLC
(4501946772)

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Procurement (OP) has reviewed the following contract/transaction:

4501946772 AB STAFFING SOLUTIONS LLC 100240598 TECH SERVICE, TEMPORARY STAFF

Four (4) Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) were hired through a temporary staffing agency to provide professional services. Such services included temperature and oral question/answer screenings to determine and manage employee Covid-19 risk at the DHS Donaghey Plaza complex. The professional services were performed for a limited time, until DHS staff could be properly trained to perform the same functions.

The services were procured in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the services was to reduce the risk of employee exposure to and transmission of the highly contagious Covid-19 virus. Given the immediate need and lack of trained DHS staff to perform this function, contracting for this professional service was appropriate.

This meets the definition of an emergency procurement as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-204(4). Accordingly, DHS was justified in utilizing an emergency procurement according to TSS OSP Rule R1:19-11-233.

As CPO, I determined that human life or health was imminently endangered, and DHS could move forward using the expedited "critical emergency" process (Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-233(b)(2), TSS OSP Rule R1:19-11-233).

Sincerely,

Mary Kathryn Williams

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