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DATE: June 28, 2023

TO: Presidents and Chief Financial Officers, Alabama Community College System

FROM: Sara Calhoun, Chief Financial Officer *Sara Calhoun*

RE: Fiscal Year 2023 Approved National Purchasing Cooperatives Update – Rev. 1

In accordance with Act No. 2021-296 and Alabama Community College System Board Policy 309.01: Purchasing, the Alabama Community College System (hereinafter System) has evaluated the competitive bid process of the following National Purchasing Cooperatives (hereinafter Cooperatives):

1. Omnia Partners Public Sector (Omnia) - Contracts were awarded by various governmental entities in accordance with the competitive bid laws in the state of the awarding authority.
2. National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) - Contracts were awarded by various governmental entities in accordance with the competitive bid laws in the state of the awarding authority.
3. National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) - Contracts were awarded in compliance with Texas competitive bid laws.
4. The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) - Contracts were awarded in compliance with Texas competitive bid laws.
5. Sourcewell - Contracts were awarded in compliance with Minnesota competitive bid laws.
6. Buy Board - Contracts were awarded in compliance with Texas competitive bid laws.
7. NPPGov - Contracts were awarded by various governmental entities in accordance with the competitive bid laws in the state of the awarding authority.

The System's review did not find any matters that were contrary to proper purchasing or procurement policies, procedures, or practices.

Based on the System's review, the competitive bid process used by the Cooperatives is approved for use through September 30, 2023. This approval authorizes the purchase, lease, or lease purchase of certain goods or services, other than voice or data wireless communication services.

Government Services Administration (GSA) Contracts are available for use in procuring goods or services, except for wireless communication services, voice or data. Purchases must be made through current and valid contracts awarded by the GSA. The contract purchases must comply with the terms and conditions outlined in the GSA contract. Prices paid for authorized goods and services shall not exceed the amounts specified in the said contract.

Each institution should ensure that the goods or services to be purchased, leased, or lease purchased are reasonably priced to ensure prudent use of public funds. Additionally, these purchases should be made through a participating Alabama vendor with an Alabama business license if such vendor exists.

The following statement provided in Memorandum 2023-FIS-007 on February 8, 2023 is rescinded effective immediately, “This letter does not authorize the purchase of any goods or services from the Cooperatives related to “public works,” as defined in Section 39-2-1(6), Code of Alabama, except for the contract for purchasing air conditioning and heating units and systems, as defined under the provisions of Section 39-2-2(d)(2), Code of Alabama, as amended by Act No. 2021-282. This authorization does not authorize installation, labor, or services related to the purchase, which must be bid in compliance with Title 39.” Further guidance regarding Title 39 related purchases will be released as soon as possible.