

## ALC Review Subcommittee Report For Emergency Review of Professional Consultant Services (PCS) Contract September 28, 2011

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On September 27, 2011, Senator Mary Anne Salmon and Representative Tommy Lee Baker, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and Senator Randy Laverty and Representative Larry Cowling, Co-Chairs of the Review Subcommittee received written notification from Mr. Richard Weiss, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that review of a professional consultant services contract for University of Arkansas Community College at Hope required immediate action. The contract with Harris Architecture for the Instruction Services Center in Texarkana was time sensitive due to ARRA funding.

Under Rule 17 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the Review Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review of the professional consultant services contract was essential to enable the agency to perform essential services. A summary of the contract that was given emergency review follows along with the letters from the agency and DFA.

### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW AS REQUIRED BY ARKANSAS CODE 19-11-1006

<b>Agency:</b> U of A - Community College at Hope	<b>Contractor:</b> Harris Architecture	<b>State:</b> AR	
	<b>Location:</b> Hot Springs		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Org. Term:</b> 09/16/2011 - 09/16/2013	<b>Procurement</b> Request for Proposal	
<b>Total After Review:</b> \$139,250.00	<b>Funding</b> Federal - 27% - ARRA-27%; Cash - 65% - College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund & Local Sales Tax		
<b>Total Projected:</b> \$139,250.00		<b>Contract Number:</b> 201101	
<b>Org/A</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Paid To</b>	<b>Objective</b>
Original:	139,250.00		Provide design and construction supervision on a 10,000 square feet Instruction Services Center in Texarkana.
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Senator Randy Laverty, Co-Chair  
ALC Review Subcommittee

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Representative Larry Cowling, Co-Chair  
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September 26, 2011

Senator Mary Anne Salmon, Co-Chair  
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Arkansas Legislative Council  
Senator Randy Lavery, Co-Chair  
Representative Larry Cowling, Co-Chair  
Review Subcommittee-Arkansas Legislative Council  
Room 171, State Capitol  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Emergency Contract Review

Dear Senators Salmon and Lavery and Representatives Baker and Cowling:

Pursuant to the Arkansas Legislative Council Rule # 17, Emergency Action, the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope has a professional consultant contract that requires immediate review. The Department of Finance and Administration, Office of State Procurement, respectfully requests an emergency review of this professional service contract that is time sensitive due to ARRA funding and would serve in the best interest of the State.

The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope wishes to contract with Harris Architecture to provide architectural service to design, bid and implement the Texarkana Campus project. All ARRA funding projects must be encumbered prior to September 30, 2011, thus requiring the immediate review of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Jerald Barber, VC for Finance and Administration, UACCH, at (870) 777-5722.

Your consideration is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Weiss  
Director



September 26, 2011

Mr. Richard Weiss, Director  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**RE: Request for Emergency Action Review of PCS Contract 201101 for Harris  
Architecture**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope respectfully requests that proper action be taken to institute "Emergency Action Procedures" pursuant to Rule 17 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the above referenced contract.

Emergency review of the contract is necessary because the contract is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The funds originate from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Government Services Grant and the terms of the award require that the funds be obligated by September 30, 2011, pursuant to the obligation table found in 34 CFR 76.707.

The UA Board of Trustees selected Harris Architecture on September 16, 2011; the final contract was executed by all parties and submitted to the Office of State Procurement on September 22, 2011. Even with a request of a suspension of the rules, this contract will not be reviewed, as required by state law, by the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for obligation.

I appreciate your time and attention to this pressing matter. If I can be of any additional assistance to your office, please do not hesitate to contact me. With warmest personal regards, I am

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CT", written over a white background.

Chris Thomason  
Chancellor