

**REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

Senator Mary Anne Salmon, Co-Chair
Senator Robert Thompson
Senator Jim Luker
Senator Paul Bookout

Representative Tommy Lee Baker, Co-Chair
Representative Terry Rice
Representative Robert S. Moore, Jr.
Representative Kathy Webb

Legislative Council Members:

We, your Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2011 in room 205 of the State Capitol.

David Ferguson, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, presented information to the subcommittee concerning the Rehabilitation and Remodel of the Bureau's offices located at Room 315 of the State Capitol. The Executive Subcommittee granted approval to undertake the rehabilitation project of Room 315, and enter into a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder. The lowest responsible bidder was Cline Construction Group in the amount of \$297,252 . Reasons provided for the project include the following:

- To conduct asbestos abatement;
- To correct noncompliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- To ensure the electrical system is safe and up to current code;
- To eliminate tripping hazards due to worn out carpeting;
- To restore historical appearance of the State Capitol Building by removing walls blocking exterior windows and removing cabinetry located in the hallway;
- To bring the HVAC system and lighting up to the building standards; and
- To improve the functionality of the space.

Senator Luker made a motion to grant approval to the Bureau to undertake the rehabilitation project of Room 315. The motion was seconded, and carried without objection.

The subcommittee also discussed the volume of request by legislators to agencies (ie. Higher Education) and asked staff to research how requests are handled in other states.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Tommy Lee Baker, House Co-Chair

Senator Mary Anne Salmon, Senate Co-Chair

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