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Memorandum

To: Senator Randy Laverty and Representative Larry Cowling, Co-Chairs
 Arkansas Legislative Council, Review Subcommittee

From: Jane Benton, Director *Jane Benton*

Date: September 15, 2011

Subject: **Special Procurements—0480 Arkansas Department of Corrections Agricultural Fertilizer and the Ouachita Special Needs Unit**

Under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-263, Special Procurements, this report reflects the Department of Corrections' Special Procurements.

Based on justification provided by the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), it is my determination that an unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive bidding, competitive sealed bidding, or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest. The provisions of this section of the Procurement Law, ACA § 19-11-263, will be used in the procurement of agricultural fertilizer for ADC farms units due to the volatility in the market. The provisions of this section of the Procurement Law will be used in the procurement of commodities that are generally standard in the correctional construction market for the exclusive use in the construction of the Ouachita Special Needs Unit due to uncertainty in the petroleum industry and the volatility in these markets. Other provisions of the Procurement Law did not allow the flexibility required by ADC to properly purchase those items in a timely manner or at a cost most beneficial to the State.

**FARM FERTILIZER REPORT
 August 2011**

<u>PO #</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
4501177517	North Arkansas Farm Supply	<u>\$1,707.00</u>	North Central

**SPECIAL NEEDS UNIT REPORT
 August 2011**

<u>PO #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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There are no expenses against this category for the month of August 2011.