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To Whom It May Concern,

In accordance with Sections 16-13B-2(a)(13) and 41-16-51(a)(16), *Ala. Code* 1975, as amended by Act No. 2021-485, the Department has reviewed the competitive bidding process used by Omnia Partners Public Sector ("Omnia"), a national purchasing cooperative, for the contracts awarded as of the date of this letter. The Department did not identify any matters that were contrary to proper purchasing procedures or routine governmental procurement practices. Each contract was awarded by various governmental entities pursuant to the competitive bid laws in the state of the awarding authority.

Based on the Department's review, the competitive bid process used by Omnia is approved for use through **December 31, 2021**. This approval authorizes the purchase, lease, or lease/purchase of certain goods or services, other than voice or data wireless communication services, when certain statutory conditions are fulfilled. See Sections 16-13B-2(a)(13) and 41-16-51(a)(16), *Ala. Code* 1975, as amended by Act No. 2021-485. This approval does **not** apply to State Public Four-Year Universities within the State of Alabama.

Prior to utilizing Omnia, each governmental entity must verify that the goods or services to be purchased, leased, or lease/purchased are not at the time available on the state purchasing program or are not available at a price equal to or less than that on the state purchase program. *Id.* Further, any such purchases, leases, or lease/purchases must be made through a participating Alabama vendor holding an Alabama business license if such vendor exist. *Id.*

Should the Department receive notice that Omnia, its awarding authorities, or its awarded vendors are allowing Alabama governmental entities to make unauthorized purchases or other unlawful business transactions, Omnia's competitive bid process approval will subject to immediate revocation by the Department.

If the Department can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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**PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE:** This letter does not authorize the purchase of any goods or services from Omnia related to "public works," as defined in Section 39-2-1(6), *Ala. Code* (2011), except as follows: the contract for purchasing air conditioning and heating units and systems, which was awarded to Trane (RFP#15-JLP-023), has been approved for use under the provisions of Section 39-2-2(d)(2), *Ala. Code* (2018). This approval does **not** authorize installation, labor, or services related thereto, which must be bid in compliance with Title 39.