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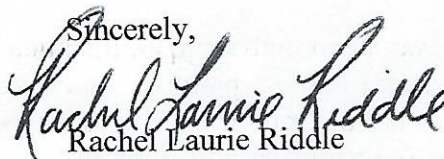
The Department received your request on behalf of the Baldwin County Commission to review the competitive bid process utilized by the nationwide cooperative purchasing program known as BuyBoard for the contracts awarded to Galls, LLC for the purchase of Uniforms and Related Supplies and Accessories (#587-19), Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment (#524-17), and Highway Traffic Control Products (#534-17).

The Department has reviewed the competitive bidding process utilized by BuyBoard for the above-mentioned contracts and noted no matters that it felt were contrary to proper purchasing procedures or routine bidding practices. This contract was awarded by the Texas Association of School Boards, a governmental entity, based on competitive bid requirement laws of the State of Texas.

Based on our review, the Department approves the competitive bidding process utilized by BuyBoard for the contracts awarded to Gall's for the purchase of Uniforms and Accessories for Various Areas (#587-19), Public Safety and Firehouse Supplies and Equipment (#524-17), and Highway Traffic Control Products (#534-17).

Prior to utilizing this purchasing cooperative, you must ensure your entity's compliance with the Alabama Competitive Bid Law. The *Code of Alabama* 1975, Section 41-16-51, requires that you verify that the goods or services are not at the time available on the state purchasing program, or that they are available at a price equal to or less than that on the state purchasing program. Additionally, you must verify that the purchase is made through a participating Alabama vendor holding an Alabama business license if such a vendor exists.

If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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