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MEMORANDUM

To: Georgia Municipalities, Counties, and Local Boards of Education

From: Lisa Eason, Deputy Commissioner - State Purchasing Division, Department of Administrative Services

Subject: Implementation of House Bill 322 with regards to the Georgia Procurement Registry

During the 2018 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 489, requiring that any bid or proposal extended by a county, municipal corporation or local board of education for goods and services valued at \$10,000 or more and any bid or proposal opportunity extended for public works (subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.) be posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry (GPR).

The GPR is the state's central bid registry established by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) and managed by the agency's State Purchasing Division (SPD). The registry provides for the advertising of bid opportunities by state and local governments to ensure transparency and offer market competition.

During the 2019 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 322, which was recently signed into law by Governor Brian P. Kemp. The new law provides consistency in the minimum threshold requirement for posting on the GPR, along with clarifying the posting timeframe and types of purchases that must be posted. The changes include:

- Expands GPR posting requirements for a bid or proposal opportunity from "goods and services" extended by a county, municipal corporation or local board of education to include "**goods, services, or both**".
- Increases, for consistency, the posting requirement threshold of goods, services or both, from \$10,000 to **\$100,000 or more**. Public works construction contracts subject to Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia remains at \$100,000 or more. (Please note that while not required, bid and proposal opportunities under the \$100,000 threshold may be posted to the GPR at the discretion of local government entities.)
- Clarifies time frames for GPR notices by specifying that they **will be published** for the same period of time as set by ordinance or policy, if any, as the county, municipality or local board of education advertises in its official legal organ or other media.

The legislation may be found at the following link:

https://gov.georgia.gov/sites/gov.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/HB%20322.pdf

The GPR is a public tool for notifying suppliers of bid opportunities with state entities and local governments. It is available to local governments, free of charge, to obtain quality goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost for the best value, and to announce and advertise bid opportunities for greater exposure and increased competition. In addition to savings, GPR delivers open access to what Georgia government entities are buying in the market.

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For additional information regarding local government use of the GPR, please visit our website:

<http://doas.ga.gov/state-purchasing/georgia-procurement-registry-for-local-governments>. If you have additional questions regarding posting to the GPR, please contact procurementhelp@doas.ga.gov. If you have questions with regards to interpretation of the bill and its requirements, please contact your legal counsel.