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NOTICE TO COUNTIES, CITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS USING S.C. STATEWIDE TERM CONTRACTS

State law requires that state governmental bodies purchase from statewide term contracts. Governmental Body means a state government department, commission, council, board, bureau, committee, institution, college, university, technical school, agency, government corporation, or other establishment or official of the executive or judicial branch. [11-35-310(18)]

State law does <u>not</u> require that political subdivisions (e.g., school districts, municipalities, counties, special purpose districts) use statewide term contracts. Political subdivisions are eligible to buy off such contracts, but the law does <u>not</u> require their use.

The "10% rule" whereby a competitor may assume business from a state term contractor, which is applicable to state agencies using statewide term contracts, does <u>not</u> apply to political subdivisions. [11-35-310(35)]

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