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April 18, 2021

Dr. Shawn D. Foster, Superintendent
Orangeburg County School District
102 Founders Court
Orangeburg, SC 29118

Re: Written Opinion of the Division of Procurement Services
Orangeburg County School District
Proposed Procurement Code and Regulations, dated February 1, 2022

Dr. Foster:

On February 1, 2022 you requested the Division of Procurement Services provide a written opinion pursuant to SC Code Ann. § 11-35-5340, regarding Orangeburg County School District's referenced Procurement Code and Regulations. Our evaluation of the District's proposed Procurement Code and Regulations relied on your certification provided in the request letter that every change in the base document has been shown.

The opinion of the Division of Procurement Services is that the referenced Procurement Code and Regulations are substantially similar to the provisions of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code and Regulations¹ in effect at the date of this opinion.

This opinion does not extend to or endorse any exemptions granted by the District's Board or provided for in the District's internal operating procedures. As reflected in Section 710 of referenced procurement code, the District's board has exclusive authority and responsibility regarding exemptions.²

Sincerely,

Crawford Milling
Director, Audit and Certification

cc: Greg Twitty, Procurement Officer
John St. C. White, Materials Management Officer

¹ See SC Code Ann. § 11-35-5340 and Regulation 19-445.3000 (C) Substantially Similar, and (E) Guidelines, Model Code. (Attachment 1)

² See 2021 Model School District Procurement Code, Section 710, and Model Comment (Attachment 2)