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**NOTICE OF AGENCY PURCHASE OF SECURITY
EQUIPMENT UNDER § 41-16-23**

To: Public Notice

From: Othni J. Lathram, Secretary of Legislative Council

Date: 03/5/2021

Re: Agency Purchase of Security Equipment

Pursuant to authorizations made possible by § 41-16-23, Ala. Code 1975, the Legislative Council of the Legislature of Alabama procured, absent public advertisement, an x-ray inspection machine for use at the State House for security purposes. The Legislature utilizes x-ray machines at the State House to scan packages, mail, bags, or other items in order to detect and prevent weapons or other impermissible and unsafe items from entering the building and creating unwanted safety concerns.

The x-ray inspection machine was procured to replace the existing equipment that ceased operational functionality just as the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature had begun. Thus, due to the exigent circumstances and public safety and convenience concerns, the Secretary of the Legislative Council determined that immediately procuring replacement equipment that was of the same type and operation as the rest of the x-ray inspection machines at the State House was proper under the provisions of § 41-16-23. This notice is provided in compliance therewith.

§ 41-16-23, Ala. Code 1975, states as follows: “In case of emergency affecting public health, safety or convenience, so declared in writing by the head of the institution or state agency involved, setting forth the nature of the danger to public health, safety or convenience involved in delay, contracts may be let to the extent necessary to meet the emergency without public advertisement. Such action and the reasons therefor shall immediately be made public by the awarding authority.”

Othni Lathram
Secretary of the Legislative Council

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