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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Jones, State Purchasing Director

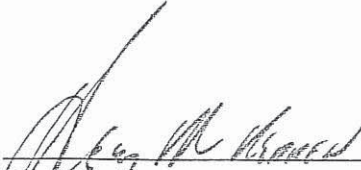
FROM: Marty Redden  
Acting Secretary of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Declaration of Emergency

I hereby declare an emergency pursuant to Section 41-16-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

I declare the existence of an emergency affecting the safety and convenience of the State of Alabama requiring the immediate procurement of goods and services without public advertisement. The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has immediate need to extend the terms of the statewide T-520 contract with Midwest Communications Technologies, Inc., d.b.a. Black Box Network Services, due to a previous failure to award pursuant to the State bid process.

Failure to procure such services will result in state agencies and other public entities being unable to procure goods and services for design, installation, or maintenance of telecommunications premise distribution systems. It is my intent to maintain the status quo such that state agencies and other public entities specified in the T-520 contract may continue to purchase from Midwest Communications Technologies, Inc., d.b.a. Black Box Network Services while a new bid is let. It is also my intent that this state of emergency shall terminate once bids have been properly awarded and state agencies and other public entities are able to purchase from the new contracts.

  
Marty Redden  
Acting Secretary of Information Technology  
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