



Department of Shared Administrative Services  
 Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
 Secretary Leslie Fiskens

April 17, 2026

The Honorable Kim Hammer, Co-Chairperson  
 The Honorable Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chairperson  
 JBC-PEER Review  
 State Capitol Building, Room 315  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Pilkington:

Under Arkansas Procurement Law, all non-exempt contracts for "services" as defined in Arkansas Procurement Law, must be presented for legislative review if they have an annual contract amount that equals or exceeds fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in any contract year or a total projected contract amount of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) over the term of the contract. See Ark. Code Ann. § 19-61-116.

With this letter, the Department of Shared Administrative Services, Office of State Procurement (OSP), is presenting for legislative review all such services contracts received this month. In addition, the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) is presenting contract 4600057916 for ratification. The Nuclear Planning and Response Program was moved from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to ADEM in July 2025. During the transition of the program from ADH to ADEM, the requirement that the services be delivered through an intergovernmental contract was inadvertently missed.

None of the remaining contracts presented appear, on their face, to have been procured in violation of Arkansas Procurement Law. We ask for their favorable review.

Additionally, as requested during the September 20, 2024, ALC meeting, I also note the date the original RFPs were issued, and the RFP method (MAP or traditional) utilized for the procurement:

Agency Name	Contract No.	Contractor Name	Date Issued	RFP Method
Pulaski Technical College	RA26-007	Comfort Systems	12/08/25	MAP
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville	RA1264301	Zeta Global	11/03/25	MAP
Arkansas Department of Health	4600057855	University of Arkansas – Medical Sciences	10/01/25	Traditional
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	RA171600054	Storbeck Search LLC	02/02/26	Traditional
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	RA18310000	Strategic Evaluations Inc	02/12/26	Traditional
Department of Higher Education	4600057914	Arkansas State University - Beebe	10/31/25	Traditional
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	RA26145536	SSIA Technologies LLC	02/18/26	MAP
Arkansas State University at Jonesboro	RA10252202	Lancesoft Inc	02/02/26	Traditional

Arkansas State University at Jonesboro	RA10252200	Breaking Bonds Ministries Inc	02/02/26	Traditional
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If you have any questions, we will do our best to answer them.

Sincerely,



Jessica Patterson  
Director – Office of State Procurement



**COL. MIKE A. HAGAR**  
Secretary

State of Arkansas  
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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April 9, 2026

Mrs. Jessica Patterson  
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Re: Request for Ratification of Services Provided by Arkansas Department of Health to the Nuclear Planning and Response Program

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I am writing to request the ratification of services in the amount of \$80,899.50 with the Arkansas Department of Health. Details are as follows:

The Nuclear Planning and Response Program was moved from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) in July 2025. Prior to this move, ADH performed nuclear testing services as an inter-departmental agreement. During the transition of this program from ADH to ADEM, it was missed that these services would now need to be treated as an intergovernmental service contract. We are therefore requesting that services rendered between July 1, 2025, through April 30th, 2026, be ratified. Estimated cost of testing during this time frame is \$65,000 but ADEM is requesting ratification for the full contract value since the true cost for services rendered to date are unknown at this time.

Sincerely,

**A.J. Gary** Digitally signed by A.J. Gary  
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