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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Fund:SMP9602
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Amount: \$358,000
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December 6, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Division of Arkansas State Police is requesting additional appropriation authorized under Section 33 of Act 152 of 2024, in the amount of \$358,000. This appropriation is needed for the rebuild of the Troop I CDL facility that was destroyed in the May 2024 tornado. The funding source for this request is insurance proceeds and FEMA disaster funds.

If there are any questions, please contact Karen Perry at 501-618-8333.

Fund: SMP9602
Commitment Item: 509:00:05 - \$358,000.00

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Perry".

Karen Perry
Chief Fiscal Officer



January 24, 2025

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,

With this letter, TSS OSP is presenting all such contracts that it has received for legislative review this month. The Arkansas Department of Veteran's Affairs is presenting two contracts for ratification; number 4600054141, because they have outstanding invoices that exceed the approved amount and number 4600041822 because of payments made to the contractor after the contract expired. The Arkansas Department of Public Safety is presenting two contracts, numbers 4600055793 and 4600055794, for ratification. Both contracts expired on 05/19/2024 but the contractor continued working past that date. The Arkansas Crime Information Center is presenting purchase order 4502251443 because the contractor began work prior to legislative review of the contract.

Arkansas Procurement Law allows a contract that has been awarded in violation of it to be ratified and affirmed if "the person awarded the contract has not acted fraudulently or in bad faith" and it is "determined that doing so is in the best interests of the state." Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-247(c)(1)(A). Alternatively, it may be terminated. See Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-247(c)(1)(B).

However, whenever a contract that is subject to the review requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-265 is presented for ratification, it must first be presented to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, for review. See Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-247(d). Accordingly, the above-mentioned contracts are now being presented for your review prior to a determination of whether it should be ratified and affirmed or terminated.

Should you have any questions, we will do our best to see that they are answered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Patterson".

Jessica Patterson



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ROBERT A. ATOR II
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January 23, 2025

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

Re: Ratification and Additional Funding for Technical and General Services, Medlinc Contract No. 4600045141

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Pilkington:

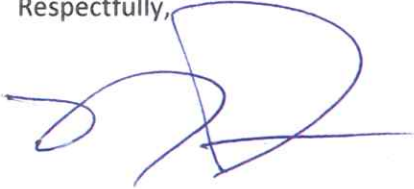
Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) is requesting ratification of payments that will be made to Medlinc, a nursing agency, for contracted services.

Medlinc provided or will provide services at the North Little Rock Veterans Home in the amount of \$602,597 for the months of December 2024 and January 2025. In addition, we anticipate the need for an additional \$2,000,000 for Medlinc services from February through June 2025. The total funding amendment will be for \$2,602,597.

ADVA acknowledges this deficiency in our contracting procurement and accounting practices. We have now developed the necessary internal controls/processes to ensure we are consistently and accurately monitoring the funding, spend rates, and length of contracts to preclude similar errors going forward.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration of this ratification request.

Respectfully,

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Colonel (Ret) U.S. Army
Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff
Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS
FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW
*In-State Contracts***

1. Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs

Contractor: MEDLINC INC

Location: LITTLE ROCK

State: AR

Service Type: Technical & General Services (TGS)

Total Authorized: \$2,877,000.00 **Org. Term:** 04/01/2024 03/31/2028 **Procurement:** RFQ

Total After Review: \$5,877,000.00 **Funding:** Federal - 77% - [Federal VA - 2QD]; Other - 23% - [Medicaid/Medicare - 2QD; Resident Liability - 2QD]

Total Projected: \$2,877,000.00 **MOF:**

Contract Number: 4600054141

<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>	<u>New Exp Date</u>
Amd. 2	3,000,000.00	2,826,311.38	TO ADD FUNDS TILL END OF CONTACT AND INCREASE TPC FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY NURSING STAFFING AND CNA SERVICE - NLR & FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS HOMES	03/31/2028
Amd. 1	1,233,000.00	1,637,647.35	TO ADD FUNDS TILL END OF CONTACT AND INCREASE TPC FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY NURSING STAFFING AND CNA SERVICE - NLR & FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS HOMES	
	1,644,000.00		TEMPORARY NURSING STAFFING AND CNA SERVICE - NLR & FAYETTEVILLE VETERANS HOMES	



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The Honorable Kim Hammer, Co-Chairperson
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Re: Ecological Design Group Inc, LLC: Contract 4600041822

Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Pilkington:

The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) is requesting ratification of payments that were made outside of Contract 4600041822 to Ecological Design Group Inc, LLC (EDG) for the North Little Rock Cemetery Phase IV expansion. This contract ended June 30, 2023. ADVA made six payments after June 30, 2023, that totaled \$34,431.23.

ADVA acknowledges this deficiency in our contracting procurement and accounting practices. We have now developed the necessary internal controls/processes to ensure we are consistently and accurately monitoring the funding, spend rates, and length of contracts to preclude similar errors going forward.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration of this ratification request.

Respectfully,

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Colonel (Ret) U.S. Army
Deputy Secretary/Chief of Staff
Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs



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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



MIKE HAGAR
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A.J. GARY
DIRECTOR

January 22, 2025

Mrs. Jessica Patterson
State Procurement Director
TSS Office of State Procurement
501 Woodlane, Suite 201
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Request for Ratification of Services Provided by Vertical Structures

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I am writing to request the ratification of services in the amount of \$40,000.00 with Vertical Structures, Inc. Details are as follows:

Services with this entity were procured following the Division of Building Authority (DBA) criteria through a request for qualifications process and outline agreement 4600052588 was established after receiving ALC Review in May 2023. The contract totaled \$325,000.00.

This contract provided for engineering services associated with the conversion of two Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) tower sites to Astro Standalone 25 Repeater sites and the construction of two new Astro Standalone 25 Repeater AWIN tower sites.

The initial term of this contract was for one year starting 5/19/2023 through 5/19/2024 with possible renewals through 4/13/2029. It was discovered on 1/15/2025 that the renewal period was missed, and that work was being performed under the expired contract totaling \$40,000.00.

Notification was made to Vertical Structures on 1/16/2025 that work must cease immediately. Work with construction contractors was also halted on 1/17/2025 once it was determined that their work must ultimately be reviewed by Vertical Structures.

Consideration of this ratification request is appreciated.

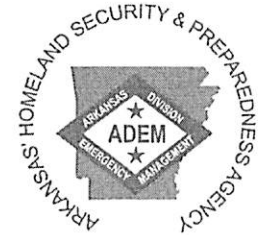
Sincerely,

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A.J. Gary
Director and State Homeland Security Advisor



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Re: Request for Ratification of Services Provided by Vertical Structures

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

I am writing to request the ratification of services in the amount of \$396,875.00 with Vertical Structures, Inc. Details are as follows:

Services with this entity were procured following the Division of Building Authority (DBA) criteria through a request for qualifications process and outline agreement 4600052587 was established after receiving ALC Review in May 2023. The contract totaled \$975,000.00.

This contract provided for engineering services associated with the refurbishment of Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) tower sites around the state. These sites, due to aging and equipment changes, have developed issues causing them to fall below the acceptable standard for a communication tower site.

The initial term of this contract was for one year starting 5/19/2023 through 5/19/2024 with possible renewals through 4/13/2029. It was discovered on 1/15/2025 that the renewal period was missed, and that work was being performed under the expired contract totaling \$396,875.00.

Notification was made to Vertical Structures on 1/16/2025 that work must cease immediately. Work with construction contractors was also halted on 1/17/2025 once it was determined that their work must ultimately be reviewed by Vertical Structures.

Consideration of this ratification request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A.J. Gary
Director and State Homeland Security Advisor

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS
FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW
*Out-of-State Contracts***

1. Agency: Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management **Contractor:** VERTICAL STRUCTURES INC
Location: RICHMOND **State:** KY

Service Type: Professional Consultant Services (PCS)

Total Authorized: \$0.00 **Org. Term:** 05/20/2024 05/19/2025 **Procurement:** ABA

Total After Review: \$325,000.00 **Funding:** Cash - 100%

Total Projected: \$325,000.00 **MOF:** **Contract Number:** 4600055793

<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>	<u>New Exp Date</u>
	325,000.00		Provide professional engineering design services for the production of studies, plans, and specifications and contracts for: -Calhoun County- Conversion of an existing Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) microwave network tower to an Astra Standalone 25 Repeater site for the AWIN system. -Chicot County- Conversion of an existing non-AWIN tower to an Astra Standalone 25 Repeater site for the AWIN system. -Clark County - Construct a new 190" self-support tower and equip the tower as an Astro Standalone 25 Repeater site for the AWIN System. -Franklin County - Construct a new 100" guyed tower and equip the tower as an Astro Standalone 25 Repeater site for the AWIN System	

2. Agency: Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management **Contractor:** VERTICAL STRUCTURES INC
Location: RICHMOND **State:** KY

Service Type: Professional Consultant Services (PCS)

Total Authorized: \$0.00 **Org. Term:** 05/20/2024 05/19/2025 **Procurement:** ABA

Total After Review: \$676,250.00 **Funding:** Cash - 100%

Total Projected: \$676,250.00 **MOF:** **Contract Number:** 4600055794

<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>	<u>New Exp Date</u>
	676,250.00		Provide professional engineering design services for the production of studies, plans, and specifications and contracts for: -Statewide - Refurbishment of existing Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWIN) towers across the state. Sites for the AWIN system, due to aging and proposed equipment changes, have developed issues that fall below the acceptable standard for a communication tower site. This project would be for the correction of these issues that have already been identified in site studies. This would include tower structures.	



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State Procurement Director
Transformation and Shared Services, Office of State Procurement
501 Woodlane, Suite 201
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Date: January 14, 2025

Subject: Request for Ratification of Services Provided by Mainstream Technology

Dear Mrs. Patterson,

I am writing to request the ratification of services in the amount of \$110,312.50, which were provided by Mainstream Technology to the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC). Over the past few years, ACIC has contracted with Mainstream to develop a new Sex Offender Registry (SOR). After the registry went live in June 2024, ACIC identified additional updates that would significantly enhance the functionality of the system.

Due to separate grants being used for both the original upgrade and the Phase 2 updates, an oversight on our part led to Phase 2 work beginning prior to securing the necessary approvals through the State and legislative processes. Once this issue was identified, we immediately halted all work and notified the Office of State Procurement (OSP).

In coordination with OSP, we have been granted approval for special procurement to continue working with Mainstream Technology on this project. We are now requesting formal ratification of the contract and approval to proceed with the completion of Phase 2, with a total project cost of \$134,075.00.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Jeffery G. Long
Director
Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC)

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY CONTRACTS
FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW
In-State Contracts

1. Agency: Department of Public Safety - Arkansas Crime Information Center **Contractor:** MAINSTREAM TECHNOLOGIES

Location: LITTLE ROCK **State:** AR

Service Type: Technical & General Services (TGS)

Total Authorized: \$0.00 **Org. Term:** 01/31/2025 06/30/2025 **Procurement:** SP

Total After Review: \$134,075.00 **Funding:** Federal - 44% - [SORNA 2024 FAC]; State - 55%

Total Projected: \$134,075.00 **MOF:** **Contract Number:** 4502251443

<u>Org/Amt:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid To Date</u>	<u>Objective:</u>	<u>New Exp Date</u>
	134,075.00		Arkansas Sex Offender Registry upgrades and enhancements	



OSP Justification Form Special Procurement

Complete all sections of this form and follow the steps specified in the *Special Procurement Procedures*. Email the completed form to the Office of State Procurement review mailbox at osp.review@arkansas.gov to ensure timely review.

Procurement Unit Requesting the Special Procurement

Requesting Department: 9913 - Department of Public Safety

Requesting Division: Arkansas Crime Informaion Center Purchasing Contact: Jeffery G. Long

Phone Number: 501-682-7401 Email: jeff.long@dps.arkansas.gov

General Information

Description of Service/Commodity: Arkansas Sex Offender Registry data base

Vendor Name: Mainstream Technologies

Contract Number (if available): n/a Total Projected Cost: 134,075.00

Start Date of Resulting Contract: upon approval

Expiration Date of Resulting Contract: 9/30/2025

Identify the unusual or unique situation justifying a Special Procurement.

ACIC and OSP worked together to issue a Request for Proposal (MAP) in June of 2021 for a new Sex Offender Registry Database. Mainstream Technologies was awarded contract 4600049728 as a result of this solicitation. ACIC worked with Mainstream over the past few years to build a new Sex Offender Registry. After go live of the new registry, ACIC became aware of some updates that would greatly enhance the existing system. The agency was awarded SORNA Federal Grant funds to help fund these updates and those funds are set to expire January 31, 2025. Due to the time constraints of funding, and the complexity of the system, finding a vendor other than the creator of the registry to accomplish these updates would not be feasible.

Identify the reason a competitive procurement is contrary to public interest.

Mainstream Technologies designed and implemented the current system and has first hand knowledge of the registry. They are also under contract for maintance and support for the Arkansas Criminal History Database which interacts with the SOR Database/System. That contract began with Request for Proposal SP-20-0111 also being awarded to Mainstream.

Identify the expected duration of the unusual or unique situation.

With the knowledge Mainstream has of the system it is more cost, as well as time, effective for them to complete this upgrade. With this being partially funded by the SORNA grant, Mainstream's prior knowledge makes them the only vendor that could complete the update prior to the grant expiration date.

Explain the reason the contract duration exceeds the expected duration of the unusual or unique situation, if applicable.

NA

Identify the reason for choosing the selected vendor.

Mainstream has been awarded contracts through OSP procurements for the Sex Offender Registry and Criminal History Database. They have extensive knowledge of the system and ability to fasttrack the updates due to not having to overcome a significant learning curve.

Provide additional details as needed.

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Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Secretary Leslie Fiskin

January 8, 2025

Mr. Jeffrey G. Long
Department of Public Safety
Arkansas Crime Information Center
Via email: Jeff.Long@dps.arkansas.gov

Re: Request for Special Procurement
Vendor: Mainstream Technologies

Dear Mr. Long,

Thank you for your December 27, 2024, correspondence requesting authority for the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) to initiate a special procurement with Mainstream Technologies without competitive bidding, competitive sealed bidding, or competitive sealed proposals. DPS contends that unusual or unique circumstance would make applying those requirements contrary to the public interest, and I agree.

Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-11-263 provides that the State Procurement Director may initiate a special procurement when it has been determined that an "unusual or unique situation exists that makes the application of all requirements of competitive bidding, competitive sealed bidding, or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest."

ACIC seeks a special procurement to engage Mainstream Technologies for critical enhancements and updates to the Sex Offender Registry Database. In 2021, ACIC awarded Mainstream Technologies contract 4600049728 to develop and implement this system. Following its launch, key updates were identified to significantly improve the system's functionality.

ACIC has secured Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) federal grant funds to partially finance these enhancements, but those funds expire on January 31, 2025. Due to the system's complexity and the pending deadline, engaging any vendor other than Mainstream Technologies is not feasible. Mainstream possesses first-hand knowledge of the system's architecture, having designed and implemented it, and is also under contract for maintenance and support of the interconnected Arkansas Criminal History Database. A competitive procurement would require a new vendor to invest significant time and resources to understand the system, jeopardizing timely

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implementation and efficient use of the grant funds. Mainstream Technologies' existing expertise and proven track record with ACIC, through prior OSP procurements for both the Sex Offender Registry and Criminal History Databases, make them uniquely qualified to implement these updates efficiently. This special procurement ensures the effective use of limited federal funds, maximizing benefits to the State of Arkansas.

Given the unique circumstances described above, a special procurement is warranted for ACIC to complete this project. In reliance on the information provided by ACIC, I find that the standard for a special procurement as set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-11-263 is met and that the selection of Mainstream Technologies is appropriate. Therefore, ACIC's request for special procurement with Mainstream Technologies to update and enhance the capabilities of the existing Sex Offender Registry Database for a total projected cost of \$134,075.00 is approved.

Respectfully,

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Jessica Patterson
State Procurement Director



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