

Waiver Form Cover Letter

The Arkansas 94th General Assembly passed a rule in the 2024 Fiscal Session which directly impacts school construction services under a cooperative purchasing contract. The bill modified 19-11-249 to allow public school districts and open enrollment public charter schools to utilize cooperative purchasing agreements for construction purchases not to exceed a total aggregate amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in a fiscal year from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The rule did allow for a waiver request to exceed the \$1,000,000 aggregate to be submitted to the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

Included in this correspondence is an example form for a district to request a waiver of the \$1,000,000 aggregate. This is a suggested sample only and should not be construed as legal advice. ASBA encourages you to defer to authority promulgated by the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council or similar departments of the State, if any is ever issued.

The waiver and any supporting documentation should be directed to the Co-chairs of the Executive Subcommittee as follows **by email or by USPS mail**:

If sending by email, please send to the following: Marty Garrity at garritym@blr.arkansas.gov and Shonna Amos at amos@blr.arkansas.gov.

The form is to be submitted instead of an email to the following address by USPS mail:

Hon. Ben Gilmore, Arkansas Legislative Council Co-Chair
Hon. Les D. Eaves, Arkansas Legislative Council Co-Chair
1 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Once a meeting is scheduled, you will be advised of the date and time. The person requesting the exemption must be available at the meeting to answer any questions. Once approved, the Executive Subcommittee will advise when the approval becomes effective.

The temporary statutory language the General Assembly enacted is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025. It is our understanding that the General Assembly will review the number of waiver requests that are submitted and the amount entities are exceeding the one million dollar (\$1,000,000) aggregate when determining whether to renew or modify the language during the 2025 Regular Session.

**Sample Waiver Request to Exceed Cooperative Purchasing
Construction Services Aggregate Amount
In Accordance with § 19-11-249 (d)**

Name of School District or Open Enrollment Public Charter School: Stuttgart School District

Name and Title of Person Submitting Report: Jeff McKinney

Contact Information of Person Submitting Report: C: 870-830-4043 W: 870-674-1303
Jeff.mckinney@stuttgartschools.org

Location of Project (school campus, etc...): Stuttgart High School

Reason for Waiver Request (Timeline for Completion, Preferred Contractor, etc...) _____

The current camera system at Stuttgart High School is outdated and has become increasingly difficult to maintain. Over the years, the system has been assembled using a variety of camera models, resulting in inconsistencies in performance and functionality. With advancements in security technology, it is clear that the high school is in need of a comprehensive system replacement. Additionally, several blind spots exist across campus, creating significant safety concerns.

In April 2025, the district issued an RFP for cameras and access control at our new athletic facilities. Fleming Network and Security Services was awarded the contract and successfully completed the project. We were very satisfied with both the quality of their work and the ongoing support they have provided since installation. To maintain consistency and reliability across our systems, we have elected to continue working with Fleming for the Stuttgart High School project.

Description and Scope of Project (Please attach all relevant documents pertaining to the school construction project):

_ Camera System Upgrade

- Install one (1) 96TB Vigilant S4000 Series server with seventy-seven (77) Unity 8 Enterprise licenses.
- Migrate approximately sixty (60) existing cameras to the new Avigilon server, assuming all cameras are ONVIF compliant.
- Provide and install cabling for four (4) new cameras, including:
 - Two (2) exterior four-head multisensor cameras at the front entrances
 - One (1) dual-head camera near the seminar room
 - One (1) replacement camera in the gym
- Install required conduit for front entrance cameras.
- Install three (3) fisheye cameras, including:
 - Two (2) in the main entrance
 - One (1) in the hallway outside the gym entrance
(Reuse existing cabling where applicable.)
- Install five (5) four-head multisensor cameras at hallway intersections using existing cabling.
- Install one (1) three-head multisensor camera in Hallway E, facing the east entrance between Coach Beard's room and Mrs. Kerksieck's room.

Install four (4) 8MP bullet cameras on the east side of the building with long-range lenses, utilizing existing cabling.

Total Estimated Cost of Project, Including all available extensions : \$123,640.00

Contractor/Vendor: Flemmin Network & Securities Services

Contact Information: P.O. Box 856, Bryant AR 72089, (501) 943-0037

Vendor Contract #: TIPS # 230202

Name of Cooperative Purchasing Program: TIPS

Start Date of Construction: May 2026

 
Signature Date

Stuttgart School District TIPS Waiver Request

The current camera system at Stuttgart High School is outdated and increasingly difficult to maintain. Over time, the system has been pieced together using a variety of camera models, leading to inconsistencies in performance, reliability, and functionality. As technology continues to advance, it has become evident that a comprehensive system replacement is necessary to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff, and campus.

In addition, several areas across the campus remain unmonitored, creating critical blind spots that pose significant safety concerns.

In March 2025, the district issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for cameras and access control systems at our new athletic facilities. Fleming Network and Security Services was awarded the contract and successfully completed the project. The district has been very pleased with the quality of their work, as well as the responsiveness and reliability of their ongoing support.

To ensure consistency, reliability, and seamless integration across our security systems, the district has elected to continue working with Fleming Network and Security Services for the Stuttgart High School camera system replacement project.

In the request I asked for approval of the contracted amount of \$123,640.00. I would like to ask to extend the amount of approval to \$150,000.00 to cover any unforeseen additions that may be required for completion of the project. (infrastructure, classroom camera replacement....)

Finally, timing is critical for approval and execution of the contract must occur soon in order to allow adequate time for summer installation. Completing the project during the 2026 fiscal year will allow the district to use budget funds and not carry over to fy 27.

For these reasons, the Stuttgart School District believes the TIPS process is the most practical and responsible way to complete this project.

New cameras being installed:

- Exterior four-head multisensor: 2 cameras
- Dual-head camera: 1 camera
- Replacement gym camera: 1 camera
- Fisheye cameras: 3 cameras
- Four-head multisensor (hallway intersections): 5 cameras
- Three-head multisensor (Hallway E): 1 camera
- 8MP bullet cameras: 4 cameras

Total new cameras: 17 cameras

The “heads” (multi-sensor views) don’t change the camera count—they’re still single physical camera units.

Additionally:

- ~60 existing cameras will be migrated (not new installs)

Total:

- 17 new cameras installed
- ~60 existing cameras migrated
- ~77 total cameras on the system after completion (which aligns with the 77 licenses)