



February 26, 2025

The Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairperson  
The Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chairperson  
Joint Budget Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 315  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean,

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. § 19-11-265.

With this letter, the Office of State Procurement (OSP) is presenting an additional contract that was received for legislative review this month. The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), contract number 4600055911, was awarded after the deadline to submit contracts for review. This contract is for air monitoring services in Tontitown. Because DEQ would like to avoid any additional delay in conducting this air monitoring activity, it has asked for this contract to be placed on the agenda for Thursday, February 27, 2025. This contract does not appear to have been procured in violation of any procurement laws, and we ask for its favorable review.

Should you have any questions, we will do our best to answer them.

Sincerely,

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

Jessica Patterson  
State Procurement Director



# ARKANSAS

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SECRETARY

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Senator Jonathan Dismang  
Representative Lane Jean  
Co-Chairs, Joint Budget Committee  
1 Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) respectfully requests suspension of the rules of the Joint Budget Committee to allow for review of an air monitoring contract.

DEQ issued its air monitoring contract request for proposal (RFP) to conduct air monitoring in Tontitown, Arkansas. The Department of Transformation and Shared Services, Office of State Procurement, issued an Anticipation to Award the air monitoring contract on Monday, February 24, 2025.

DEQ was notified that the anticipated March 26, 2025, meeting of Joint Budget Committee – PEER Review is being postponed to April 9, 2025. DEQ wishes to avoid any additional delay in the conduct of this air monitoring activity. Accordingly, DEQ respectfully requests suspension of the rules for the air monitoring contract to be reviewed at the February 27, 2025, Joint Budget Committee meeting.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. E. Khoury'.

Shane E. Khoury  
Secretary, Department of Energy and Environment

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

**1. Agency:** Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality  
**Contractor:** THE CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGY AND ENVIRONMEN  
**Location:** NORTH LITTLE ROCK **State:** AR

**Service Type:** Professional Consultant Services (PCS)

**Total Authorized:** \$0.00 **Org. Term:** 04/01/2025 03/31/2026 **Procurement:** RFP

**Total After Review:** \$539,966.00 **Funding:** Other - 100% - [SRF - penalties, Hazard Waste Fees]

**Total Projected:** \$600,000.00 **MOF:** **Contract Number:** 4600055911

| <u>Org/Amt:</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Paid To Date</u> | <u>Objective:</u>                         | <u>New Exp Date</u> |
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|                 | 539,966.00    |                     | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PLANNING CONSULTANT |                     |