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## NOTICE OF APPEAL

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RE: S000000233 Janitorial Services for the Commerce Building

To All Concerned:

Please be advised that I represent RazorClean Building Services Inc. Please treat this correspondence as a Notice of Appeal pursuant to Ark Code Ann 19-11-244 et seq regarding S000000233 Janitorial Services bid for the Commerce Building in which you have rejected the bid of RazorClean Building Services Inc. as being "non-responsible".

First of all, despite the company's request, there has been absolutely no facts given to support this legal designation of "non-responsible". As you know, this designation results in very adverse consequences. The statute which governs this situation, Ark Code Ann 19-11-244 et seq, provides that the aggrieved bidder should be provided "facts" in being designated "non-responsible".

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The company did request, by reply email to Ms. Shackleford's email designating the bid "non-responsible", that you provide "facts" and no one from the State of Arkansas has done so. Be that as it may, we do, as stated, hereby appeal this decision by the Office of State Procurement and if I am reading the statute correctly, which I think I am, your office has an obligation to provide "facts" and additionally attempt to resolve this situation. Due process requires, as does the statute, that we be provided a basis for this simple derogatory designation of "non-responsible".

Please be advised that we will take any and all action to find the reason this was done and the motives that drove the actions of your office.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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