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Claude Scarborough, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Scarborough:

You have requested an opinion of this Office as to whether the Research Authority is required to solicit bids from three law firms to provide general legal services to the Authority, and whether the Authority is required by any law to renew annually its selection of attorneys and auditing services.

In answer to the first question, the Authority is exempted from the operation of the Consolidated Procurement Code by § 11-35-710(1). Thus, even if that Code required bids for legal services, it would not apply to the Authority. Moreover, there is no other statute which would impose such a requirement on the Authority.

As to the second question, this Office is unable to find any provision which requires the annual examination and renewal of contracts for legal and auditing services by the Authority.

Sincerely yours,

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