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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Martin:

You have requested an opinion from this office as to whether state law requires a county to purchase supplies and services through competitive bidding. There is no general law requirement that competitive bidding be followed as such. I would point out, however, that the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code does require that 'all political subdivisions of the State shall adopt ordinances or procedures embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive procurement no later than July 1, 1983.' [Section 11-35-50, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 \(Cum. Supp. 1982\)](#). I would of Laws of out that the Home Rule Act requires that the county council 'shall provide for a centralized purchasing system for procurement of goods and services required by the county government.' Section 4-9-160, supra.

I hope that this will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

David C. Eckstrom
Assistant Attorney General

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