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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

January 6, 1982

\*1 The Honorable Charlie G. Williams  
State Superintendent of Education  
State of South Carolina  
Department of Education  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Dr. Williams:

You have requested that this office advise you as to whether the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) must disclose, under the Freedom of Information Act, ([§ 30-4-10, et seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina](#) (1976, as amended)), those parts of contracts executed among the Department, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and National Advanced Systems. In particular, you wish to know whether certain prices included therein must be released. The disclosure of 'the contract and all related amendments and documents' executed by the above parties has been requested by IBM Corporation.

Section 30-4-50(6) of the Freedom of Information Act specifically declares to be public information '[i]nformation in or take from any account, voucher or contract dealing with the receipt or expenditures of public or other funds by public bodies.' Thus, all contracts and amendments thereto signed by the above parties must be disclosed. Although this office has not been advised as to exactly which price information might be in question, any such matter which is listed in the contract must be disclosed regardless of whether it had once been a part of a bid proposal. IBM has not requested, in its letter of December 23, 1981, the release of the bid proposal so such a disclosure is not at issue here.

If we may be of further assistance, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

J. Emory Smith, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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