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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 Re: Your letter of May 23, 1980**

L. Steve Mayfield  
Executive Director  
S.C. State Housing Authority  
2221 Devine Street  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29205

Dear Steve:

In the above-referenced letter you requested this Office's opinion and advice concerning the propriety of the State Housing Authority reconsidering your decision not to accept two proposals for processing which proposals did not comply with the time limit published in your recent Notice of Funds Available. Although at the time you wrote your letter it appeared that the tardy proposals might be in a geographic area in which there was no competition for the funds involved, I am informed subsequently that there is a possibility that the proposals which reached you delinquent might be in competition with some proposals that were filed in a timely fashion.

It is the opinion of this Office that irrespective of the competition or lack of competition in a particular geographic area, the Housing Authority is bound by the time deadline it set for itself and in no way should deviate from that time deadline. This is an absolute requirement in order that all proposals be treated on an equal basis insofar as the awarding of these contracts is concerned. It is, therefore, the opinion and advice of this Office that you do not accept any proposals for processing which arrived at your offices after the time limit that was published.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Simpson  
State Attorney

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