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EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Southampton County

August 11, 2016

Professional Legal Services - Brantley v. Board of Supervisors

Notice is hereby given that Southampton County, acting by and through its County Administrator, is awarding a contract for legal services on August 11, 2016 to Willcox & Savage, P.C.

This contract is awarded pursuant to § 2.2-4303 (F), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended without competitive negotiation. The basis of the emergency procurement stems from a certain suit claiming "Violations of Procedural and Substantive Due Process" and a violation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") which has been filed in the Circuit Court for the County of Southampton, by Aurelius W. Brantley, against the County, the Board of Supervisors of the County and the individual members of the Board, Case No. 175CL16000540-00 (the "Litigation").

The Litigation requires the defendants to file responsive pleadings within twenty-one (21) days of service and may require an expedited hearing on the FOIA claim in as short as seven (7) days, making it impossible to procure professional services through either competitive sealed bidding or competitive negotiation, and creating an emergency within the meaning of Virginia Code § 2.2-4303(F).

Southampton County has a longstanding relationship with Willcox & Savage, P.C. based upon services rendered to regional organizations of which Southampton County is a member, including the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia. Willcox & Savage, P.C. was selected because of their longstanding relationship with Southampton County and their extensive experience in land use and FOIA matters.

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk
Southampton County Board of Supervisors