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Re: Vendors and procurement of goods and services

Dear Director Singleton:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Department of Corrections (SCDC). The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about a topic of interest proposed to the ad hoc subcommittee. What potential benefits and issues do you see from the General Assembly (or procurement) requiring, or placing a preference on, vendors who are willing to, or do employ individuals previously incarcerated who completed certain vocational programs during incarceration at SCDC as a way to provide a pipeline for employment to help reduce recidivism?

Your assistance with these questions will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, the ad hoc subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide. Thank you and your team for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward R. Tallon Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton  
Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee