



State of South Carolina
Department on Aging

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The Honorable Joseph Jefferson
Subcommittee Chair, Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee
304B Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Jefferson,

In accordance with the reporting requirements of the House Oversight Legislative Audit Report submitted in August 2023, SCDOA is providing the following response to Recommendation #8, which states *"Engage the Division of Procurement Services for assistance reviewing the agency's enabling statutes to determine if regulations specific to the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code have been implemented and are practiced according to state law at the Area Agencies on Aging. A report of findings should be submitted to the Committee six months after publication of the Committee's report."*

SCDOA consulted with the State Material Management Office (MMO) regarding this recommendation. The MMO further confirmed that the AAAs, which are predominantly housed as divisions of the Council of Governments (COGs), are not subject to the State Procurement Code as they are not state agencies or divisions of SCDOA.

Instead as subrecipients and local government entities, *they are only required by 11-35-5320 to "adopt ordinances or procedures embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive procurement."*

SCDOA ensures that the AAAs are in accordance with procurement policies through fiscal monitoring processes as established in our State Policy. The AAAs are routinely audited on fiscal and procurement processes and annual on-site monitoring is performed.

During the fiscal monitoring process, SCDOA ensures that it has a copy of the latest version of policies and procedures to include fiscal policies and procedures for each Area Agency on Aging (AAA). SCDOA reviews these policies & procedures annually to ensure compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 11-35-5320. AAAs are also required to provide SCDOA with Independent Audit Reports annually.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie D. Munn".

Connie D. Munn, MSW