**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SUBARTICLE 3, ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SOURCE SELECTION AND CONTRACT FORMATION UNDER THE PROCUREMENT CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 11-35-1526, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE SHALL ENTER INTO A MULTI AWARD, CATALOG-WIDE MASTER AGREEMENT COMPRISED SOLELY OF PRODUCTS SOLD BY SOUTH CAROLINA-HEADQUARTERED COMPANIES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Subarticle 3, Article 5, Chapter 35, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 11-35-1526. (A) The State Procurement Office shall establish the ‘Palmetto First’ multi award, catalog-wide master agreement, a cooperative purchasing program comprised solely of businesses headquartered in this State, which shall be available for use by all state agencies, political subdivisions, and higher and technical education institutions. The master agreement shall contain, at least, material, repair, and operating supplies; industrial supplies; and janitorial supplies. Use of the master agreement is not mandatory by procuring entities.

(B) Products available in the master agreement may be listed by the individual company’s website or by the catalog in the master agreement or as determined by the State Procurement Office. Upon review by the procurement contracting representative, products, materials, and other services that are determined not to be eligible for inclusion in the master agreement will be removed from the catalog.”

SECTION 2. Upon implementation, the master agreement shall be advertised and displayed in the section of the Procurement Services’s webpage related to “Statewide Contracts” under “Goods and Services Contracts” pertaining to “Building and Grounds Maintenance, Equipment, and Supplies” or any successor to this location.

In lieu of placement on the Procurement Services’s website as described in the preceding paragraph, the State Procurement Office may maintain a separate website or webpage on its website that is dedicated to the Palmetto First master agreement. In this case, the dedicated website or webpage shall be advertised and displayed in a prominent location at least as visible as any other master agreement available for use by state agencies, political subdivisions, and higher and technical institutions.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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