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Mr. Jeffrey S. Thompson Solicitor General Attorney General's Office Hoover Bldg. LOCAL

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your request to retain special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7 to provide specialized legal services and representation to Iowa State University and the State of Iowa with respect to claims asserted in Shirtcliff v. State of Iowa, Case No. LACV052619, in the Iowa District Court for Story County.

Firm: Husch Blackwell

4801 Main Street, Suite 1000 Kansas City, MO 64112-2551

Rate: Fees charged will be the same as those charged by the firm for

work with other public universities and range from \$341 to \$393 per hour for attorneys. The fees will be subject to a 5% annual

escalation through 2024.

If you have any questions on the matter, please advise.

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Sincerely,

Victoria Newton Executive Secretary