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Mr. Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General
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Dear Mr. Olson:

The Executive Council, in a meeting held this date, approved your renewal requests for retention of special counsel pursuant to Iowa Code section 13.7(1), to provide legal services for the Department of Administrative Services in regard to real estate transactions pertaining to the sale of Department of Health and Humans Services and Department of Corrections owned farmland.

Firm: Nyemaster Goode P.C.
700 Walnut St # 1600
Des Moines, IA 50309

Rate: \$300 per hour

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January 2, 2025

Kristi Onstot
Executive Secretary
Executive Council
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Re: Retention of Special Counsel – Real Estate Transactions

Dear Kristi:

Under Iowa Code section 13.7(1), the Attorney General requests that the Executive Council authorize retention of Nyemaster Goode P.C., 700 Walnut St # 1600, Des Moines, IA 50309, to give legal support to DAS concerning the sale of farmland owned by DHHS and DOC. The Attorney General's Office does not have sufficient personnel with the training and skill necessary to furnish these services to DAS on the timetable they are needed.

The proposed rate is \$300 per hour, which is commensurate with the rates paid to experienced real-estate lawyers. The contract would last through FY25, with an option of renewal. Amounts due under the contract would be paid from the sales proceeds of the subject properties.

Sincerely,

Leif Olson
Chief Deputy Attorney General