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The Honorable Dan Morales
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Opinion Committee

Dear General Morales:

Pursuant to a request from Mr. Ed Lanford, a constituent in Tarrant County, I am requesting an Attorney General's opinion from your office. Based on Mr. Lanford's letter to my office, it appears that there is some disagreement between his company, Lone Star Auctioneers, and the City of Fort Worth legal staff regarding the definition of "professional services".

I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Lanford's letter which I believe articulates the problem and the question very clearly. I would appreciate you and your staff reviewing this matter and providing my office with a response to the question of whether the services of auctioneers are considered "professional services" for purposes of counties and cities soliciting such services and whether these governmental entities should be using a "bid" or a "proposal" process.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your response. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me or Gina Martin of my staff.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mike Moncrief

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