

**Emergency
Written Determination**

Agency Identification: SC Department of Education H63

Describe the nature of the emergency condition and the resulting immediate threat to public health, welfare, critical economy and efficiency, or safety that this procurement responded to: On July 18, 2025, the SC Department of Education (SCDE) declared an emergency fiscal takeover of Marlboro County School District (MCSD) due to a budget deficit and fiscal mismanagement. Immediate action from the SCDE to engage an experienced education finance consultant at the district is necessary to protect public interest and educational rights of the students as well as later serving as the Interim Superintendent of Marlboro County until a permanent superintendent is hired.

Describe the facts and circumstances giving rise to the above describe emergency condition and threat: On July 18, 2025, at the approval of the SC State Board of Education, the SCDE declared a fiscal emergency takeover and assumed the financial control of MCSD under state law 59-20-90(E)(7). This action was taken due to the district's budgetary shortfalls and mismanagement of finances. The declaration triggers the immediate need for corrective actions to stabilize district finances and ensure compliance with state and federal fiscal requirements. The financial health of the district is in critical condition and demands immediate, expert intervention

Agency has contracted with Emergency Vendor for the supplies, services, information technology, or construction described below per S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1570 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2110, Emergency Procurement.

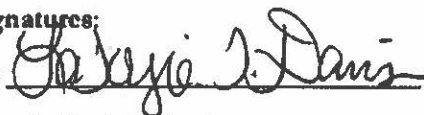
Emergency Vendor: Brookside Services & Solutions, LLC. (7000386571)

Basis for Selection of the Vendor—The severity and urgency of MCSD's fiscal condition requires the immediate engagement of an experienced school district financial consultant. The SCDE considered the need for an immediate presence in the district on Tuesday August 26, 2025. Dr. Thorsland is a trusted, former school district superintendent with experience in district operations, accounting processes and budgeting. This urgent situation precludes the use of a standard competitive solicitation process as such delays would exacerbate financial instability and impair the SCDE's capacity to protect public interest and the education of the students in the district as they report back to school. Delays in securing expert financial assistance might jeopardize the district's ability to meet payroll and other operational obligations, increase the risk on non-compliance for state and federal requirements, thus disrupting services critical to student welfare and educational continuity.

Description of supplies, services, information technology, or construction: Serve as the Interim Superintendent until permanent one is hired and provide immediate support including, but not limited to: conducting a comprehensive review of current district operations and internal controls, assisting in the development of a revised and balanced operating budget, advisement on cash flow management, reviewing contractual services for cost-effectiveness and alignment with district priorities, identifying risks and inefficiencies, evaluate preventative and deferred maintenance plans, and serve as liaison between the district and the SCDE.

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