

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

IN RE:

Sodexo Operations, LLC,

v.

Francis Marion University,

(Contract Controversy)

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA
PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

CASE NO.: 2014-1

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel (the Panel) for administrative review pursuant to sections 11-35-4230(6) and 11-35-4410(1)(a) of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code (the Procurement Code). On March 24, 2014, Sodexo Operations, LLC (Sodexo) appealed the March 12, 2014, Order of the Chief Procurement Officer (the CPO) denying its request that Francis Marion University (FMU) pay current and ongoing sales taxes on board meal plans to FMU students and reimburse Sodexo for state sales taxes incurred on board meal plans to students at FMU for the 2012 – 2013 and 2013 – 2014 school years.

On May 22, 2014, the Panel convened a hearing to address several motions filed by Sodexo and FMU. The Panel ruled on the motions by Order dated June 4, 2014. As a result of the Panel's rulings on the motions, a hearing on the merits of Sodexo's appeal was moved to August 5, 2014, to allow the parties to conduct limited discovery as specified in the Panel's Order.

There are currently several outstanding deadlines to respond to discovery and pending motions. However, Sodexo and FMU have been in discussions to resolve the sales tax issue that

is before the Panel. Therefore, the parties respectfully request and consent to a sixty (60) day stay or postponement of this matter in order to continue discussions regarding resolution.

Based upon the parties' consent as stated above, the Panel hereby stays this matter for sixty (60) days. Therefore, all deadlines are hereby stayed and the hearing scheduled for August 5, 2014, is no longer necessary. If the parties are unable to resolve this matter within the time requested, they shall notify the Panel to revise the scheduling order to complete discovery and reset the hearing.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to extinguish, waive, or prejudice the rights or defenses of any party.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

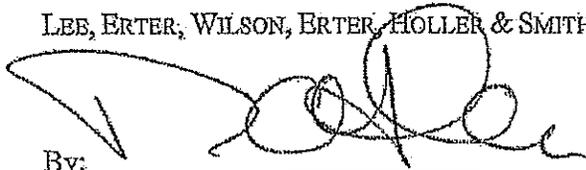
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C. Brian McLane, Sr., Chairman

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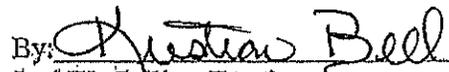
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