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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the University of Alaska Statewide System Procurement Office and the procurement offices located at the MAU's in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau, I would like to express support for House Bill 204 (HB204) relating to the State Procurement Code.

After reviewing the proposed changes, it is my opinion that this Bill will benefit the university, along with other public procurement units in Alaska, in making its procurements in a timely, efficient manner while meeting the needs of its customers and the vending community.

The changes will shorten the time necessary to award contracts for space leases and purchases between the old and new thresholds without sacrificing the quality of public notice given to interested parties. Accepting electronic bids and proposals will allow for, and ensure, more timely receipt of the documents, and along with the proposed changes to the requirements for Alaska Business Licenses, should stimulate competition. These changes are fair, reasonable, in some cases long overdue, and on the whole very much welcome.

Thank you for considering the passage of this much needed piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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