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### **M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Representative Mike Hawker, Chair  
Legislative Council

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Executive Director

DATE: November 15, 2013

SUBJECT: Discovery Preschool LLC Renewal

Legislative Council at their November 14, 2008 meeting approved a professional services contract with Discovery Preschool LLC to provide childcare services in the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building. Discovery Preschool opened for business on November 19, 2009. Since the three-year contract expired on December 29, 2011, Legislative Council twice approved one-year renewal options; the third and final renewal option is now before Council.

Under the terms of the contract, Discovery School Preschool guarantees nine (9) childcare slots for Legislators and legislative staff who relocate to Juneau for session. It provides 30 childcare slots year-round to legislative employees, State and City employees, as well as the Juneau community in general. Even with this facility, Juneau still experiences childcare shortages; furthermore, full-time, short-term childcare options for those who come to Juneau for the 90-day session is especially difficult to secure.

As Project Manager, I recommend Legislative Council approve the third and final one-year renewal with Discovery Preschool LLC.

Thank you.