ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT Senate Bill #424, State Consulting Act

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The North Carolina Department of Administration and The University of North Carolina General Administration are in agreement with the following general understandings regarding the employment of consultants:

- 1. That the definition of consultants means work or task(s) performed by State employees or independent contractors possessing specialized knowledge, experience, expertise and professional qualifications to investigate assigned problems or projects and to provide counsel, review, analysis or advice in formulating or implementing improvements in programs or services. This includes but is not limited to the organization, planning, directing, control, evaluation and operation of a program, agency, or department.
- 2. That the use of individuals for instructional services, and for advising as to curriculum development and academically oriented research, are exempt from the otherwise prescribed procedures. This exemption does not, however, include the use of consultants for the primary purpose of assisting Administrators with management decisions.
- 3. That prior approval by the Division of Purchase and Contract of subcontractors when submitting proposals to non-state agencies for support is not required when the participating organization is non-profit; however, approval must be obtained in advance when not-for-profit organizations are involved.
- 4. That all reasonable effort will be made to keep the turnaround time for approval to employ consultants to less than 30 days.
- 5. That representatives on The University Research Council will act as the principal liaison with the constituent institutions and the Division of Purchase and Contract for the implementation of the Consulting Policies Act. These offices will assist whenever necessary the principal investigators or project directors in following required procedures.

Further, the representatives on The University Research Council will act as the principal source of information to the Division of Purchase and Contract for identifying persons and/or departments who may be available for consulting work with other agencies of State government.

6. That the President of The University of North Carolina has designated and authorized the Chancellor of each Institution to execute consultant contracts on behalf of his respective institution, and Dr. E. Walton Jones to approve consulting contracts for The University of North Carolina General Administration.

And further, that experience indicates additional contract signers should be authorized on some of the campuses. Accordingly, the persons named below are designated also as signatories for the institutions listed. This list is subject to further inclusions as may be needed:

Appalachian State University Dr. John E. Thomas Vice Chancellor for

Academic Affairs

University

East Carolina University Dr. James L. White, Director Office of Sponsored Programs

Elizabeth City State University Dr. Thomas E. Carter, Director Institutional Research & Planning

Fayetteville State University Barbara D. Holmes, Director
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