

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
AND GENERAL COUNSEL

In accordance with Utah Code Section 63G-6a-803(3), the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (“OLRGC”) provides notice of an emergency procurement for legal services.

On August 13, 2024, a complaint was filed by Covenant Clearinghouse LLC against the Utah Legislature in the Third Judicial District Court for Salt Lake County. A motion for a preliminary injunction was filed at the same time. The complaint and preliminary injunction motion require immediate attention to prepare and file an answer to the complaint and a response to the preliminary injunction motion on behalf of the Utah Legislature. The timetable for responding does not allow sufficient time for OLRGC to engage in a standard procurement process to engage outside legal counsel to work under the direction of Legislative General Counsel to represent the interests of the Utah Legislature. An emergency procurement for legal services is necessary to protect the legal interests of the Utah Legislature. Before entering a contract for legal services, OLRGC contacted multiple law firms and engaged in discussions with those law firms concerning their qualifications, expertise, and availability to provide legal services related to the lawsuit and their charges for providing those services. A law firm was selected based on the firm’s qualifications and expertise and based on OLRGC’s determination that the firm provides the best value for OLRGC and the Utah Legislature.

The emergency procurement was approved by Victoria Ashby, Legislative General Counsel.

A copy of the contract resulting from the emergency procurement is posted with this notice.