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**Procurement Type:** Central Master Agreement

**Vendor ID:** VS0000019863 

**Legal Name:** LAW OFFICE OF DENNIS TAYLOR PLLC

**Alias/DBA:** DENNIS C TAYLOR

**Total Bid:** \$10,000.00

**Response Date:** 03/22/2021 

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**Responded By User ID:** dtlaw 

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE BUYER  
Joseph E Hager III  
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OF COUNSEL <i>Franklin Scott Conway PLLC (formerly Talcott Franklin PC)</i>	2011-PRESENT <i>Washington, DC</i>
PRINCIPAL <i>Law Office of Dennis Taylor PLLC (formerly Taylor &amp; Price PLLC)</i>	2013-PRESENT <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i>
PRINCIPAL <i>DCT Advisors LLC</i>	2013-2019 <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i>
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR <i>Marshall University</i>	2000-2018 <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i>
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION <i>West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC)</i> <i>West Virginia Community and Technical College System (WVCTCS)</i>	2004-2009 <i>Charleston, West Virginia</i>
CHIEF OF STAFF <i>West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts (WVDEA)</i>	2001-2004 <i>Charleston, West Virginia</i>
GENERAL COUNSEL / DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES <i>Tyler Mountain Water Co., Inc.</i>	1999-2001 <i>Poca, West Virginia</i>
ASSOCIATE <i>Goodwin &amp; Goodwin, LLP</i>	1996-1997 <i>Charleston, West Virginia</i>
JUDICIAL LAW CLERK <i>U.S. District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin</i> <i>U.S. District Judge Robert C. Chambers</i>	1995-1996, 1997-1999 <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i> <i>Huntington, West Virginia</i>

## EDUCATION

### JURIS DOCTOR

*Washington and Lee University* *Lexington, Virginia*

- Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif
- Managing Editor, *Washington and Lee Law Review*

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## MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Marshall University*

*Huntington, West Virginia*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Marshall University*

*Huntington, West Virginia*

- Magna Cum Laude
- Major: Speech Communication; Minor: Political Science

## SKILLS

### LEGAL

- Serve as due process hearing officer for IDEA disputes.
- Part of team that handles large-scale litigation, typically for organizational plaintiffs. Worked on *Deutsche Bank v. FDIC and JPMorgan Chase* (D.D.C.), which resulted in billion-dollar settlement for investors in litigation resulting from collapse of Washington Mutual Bank. Representing students in dispute over closure of Harrison College (Indiana).
- Served as *pro bono* arbitrator in disputes between BridgeValley Community and Technical College (CTC) and West Virginia State University and between Pierpont CTC and Fairmont State University.
- Served as WVHEPC/WVCTCS' hearing officer for procurement disputes, a grievance evaluator for WVDEA, counsel for both agency and grievants at various times, an EEO investigator for the WV Division of Personnel, and FOIA officer for WVHEPC/WVCTCS and WVDEA.
- Previously responsible for WVHEPC's higher education legal services division, which handles legal matters for public higher education institutions.
- Regularly provide legal advice and assistance to businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations on a wide range of issues, including governance and structure, business transactions, employment, and government relations.
- General counsel for manufacturing company. Provided legal advice, drafted and reviewed legal documents, and directed retained counsel. Ensured federal and state legal compliance for multi-state business.
- Former judicial law clerk for two federal judges. Assisted judges in performing legal research, drafting opinions and orders, and preparing for and conducting trials.

### LEGISLATIVE

- Coordinated legislative activities for WVHEPC and WVCTCS. Served as liaison between public officials and higher education institutions. Prepared numerous reports for West Virginia legislators on a wide range of higher education issues.
- Worked with public officials on legislation to establish Vision 2020 higher education accountability system (SB 638, 2008), facilitate community and technical college independence (HB 3215, 2008), increase higher education institution flexibility (SB 603, 2005), restructure state-level financial aid programs to better fulfill state policy goals (HB 4049, 2006 and SB 373, 2009), establish a data-sharing compact between K-12 and higher education (HB 3340, 2009), and create a library facilities improvement fund (HB 2890, 2018).



## **DENNIS CLEVELAND TAYLOR**

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- Drafted legislative rules to address various public policy issues, including higher education accountability; rulemaking; presidential selection, evaluation and compensation; community and technical college finance; and need-based financial aid.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- Chair, Renaissance Building Condominium Association; Board Member, Huntington Rotary Club. Currently serve on WV Library Commission. Chaired WVNET Policy Board, Covenant House Board of Directors, and Wynfield Trace Homeowners' Association Board of Directors.
- Regularly prepared and presented board agenda items to WVHEPC and WVCTCS.
- Presented effective board training to various government and non-profit boards and commissions.

### **BUDGETING, FINANCE, AND FACILITIES**

- Supervised budgeting process for WVHEPC, WVCTCS, and the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts. Served as state executive and legislative branches' primary contact for higher education budget issues.
- Served as acting chief financial officer for WVHEPC and WVCTCS, including oversight of system budgeting, capital and facilities management, auditing, and procurement, as well as day-to-day accounting.
- Developed comprehensive plan, adopted by the Legislative Capital Projects and Facilities Needs Committee, to address higher education capital project planning, financing, and management, as well as facilities maintenance. Completed two higher education bond issues totaling more than \$180 million.

### **OTHER SKILLS**

- Managed day-to-day operations for WVHEPC and WVCTCS, two agencies with approximately 65 employees (excluding WVNET) and overall operating budgets totaling more than \$120 million (including \$80 million in state-level financial aid).
- Oversaw WVNET, which employs approximately 40 employees and provides telecommunications and computing services for higher education institutions, public schools, and state government.
- Supervised division of financial aid and student services. Responsible for administering \$80+ million in student financial aid programs, including the PROMISE scholarship program, higher education grant program, higher education adult part-time student grant program, and other smaller financial aid programs.
- Responsible for personnel classification and compensation system for more than 5,000 higher education employees.
- Teach/taught undergraduate and graduate public speaking (honors), legal communication, and leadership courses at Marshall University.
- Co-wrote 2017 Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal article titled *"Addressing Conflict of Interest in the Context of Campus Sexual Violence."*

**DESIGNATED CONTACT:** Vendor appoints the individual identified in this Section as the Contract Administrator and the initial point of contact for matters relating to this Contract.

Dennis C. Taylor, Manager

(Name, Title)

Dennis C. Taylor, Manager

(Printed Name and Title)

831 4th Ave., Suite, 201, Huntington, WV 25701

(Address)

+1 304.541.0332

(Phone Number) / (Fax Number)

dennis@dennistaylorlaw.com

(email address)

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** By signing below, or submitting documentation through wvOASIS, I certify that I have reviewed this Solicitation in its entirety; that I understand the requirements, terms and conditions, and other information contained herein; that this bid, offer or proposal constitutes an offer to the State that cannot be unilaterally withdrawn; that the product or service proposed meets the mandatory requirements contained in the Solicitation for that product or service, unless otherwise stated herein; that the Vendor accepts the terms and conditions contained in the Solicitation, unless otherwise stated herein; that I am submitting this bid, offer or proposal for review and consideration; that I am authorized by the vendor to execute and submit this bid, offer, or proposal, or any documents related thereto on vendor's behalf; that I am authorized to bind the vendor in a contractual relationship; and that to the best of my knowledge, the vendor has properly registered with any State agency that may require registration.

Law Office of Dennis Taylor PLLC

(Company)

Dennis C. Taylor, Manager

(Authorized Signature) (Representative Name, Title)

Dennis C. Taylor, Manager

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative)

March 22, 2021

(Date)

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(Phone Number) (Fax Number)



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
Purchasing Division

## PURCHASING AFFIDAVIT

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code § 5-22-1(i), the contracting public entity shall not award a construction contract to any bidder that is known to be in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, obligations related to payroll taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes, fire service fees, or other fines or fees.

**ALL CONTRACTS:** Under W. Va. Code §5A-3-10a, no contract or renewal of any contract may be awarded by the state or any of its political subdivisions to any vendor or prospective vendor when the vendor or prospective vendor or a related party to the vendor or prospective vendor is a debtor and: (1) the debt owed is an amount greater than one thousand dollars in the aggregate; or (2) the debtor is in employer default.

**EXCEPTION:** The prohibition listed above does not apply where a vendor has contested any tax administered pursuant to chapter eleven of the W. Va. Code, workers' compensation premium, permit fee or environmental fee or assessment and the matter has not become final or where the vendor has entered into a payment plan or agreement and the vendor is not in default of any of the provisions of such plan or agreement.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**"Debt"** means any assessment, premium, penalty, fine, tax or other amount of money owed to the state or any of its political subdivisions because of a judgment, fine, permit violation, license assessment, defaulted workers' compensation premium, penalty or other assessment presently delinquent or due and required to be paid to the state or any of its political subdivisions, including any interest or additional penalties accrued thereon.

**"Employer default"** means having an outstanding balance or liability to the old fund or to the uninsured employers' fund or being in policy default, as defined in W. Va. Code § 23-2c-2, failure to maintain mandatory workers' compensation coverage, or failure to fully meet its obligations as a workers' compensation self-insured employer. An employer is not in employer default if it has entered into a repayment agreement with the Insurance Commissioner and remains in compliance with the obligations under the repayment agreement.

**"Related party"** means a party, whether an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company or any other form or business association or other entity whatsoever, related to any vendor by blood, marriage, ownership or contract through which the party has a relationship of ownership or other interest with the vendor so that the party will actually or by effect receive or control a portion of the benefit, profit or other consideration from performance of a vendor contract with the party receiving an amount that meets or exceeds five percent of the total contract amount.

**AFFIRMATION:** By signing this form, the vendor's authorized signer affirms and acknowledges under penalty of law for false swearing (W. Va. Code §61-5-3) that: (1) for construction contracts, the vendor is not in default on any monetary obligation owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state, and (2) for all other contracts, that neither vendor nor any related party owe a debt as defined above and that neither vendor nor any related party are in employer default as defined above, unless the debt or employer default is permitted under the exception above.

**WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURE:**

Vendor's Name: Law Office of Dennis Taylor PLLC / Dennis C. Taylor

Authorized Signature: Dennis C Taylor Date: 8 Mar. 2021

State of West Virginia

County of Cabell, to-wit:

Taken, subscribed, and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

My Commission expires 12/09/2024, 2024.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Crystal Kendrick

Purchasing Affidavit (Revised 01/19/2018)