

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
130 EAST MAIN STREET
CENTRE, AL 35960
256-927-3362

MITCHELL GUICE
SUPERINTENDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEES
FROM: MITCHELL GUICE, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: MAY 1, 2013
RE: H.B. 56 - ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE

The purpose of this Memorandum is to direct your prompt attention to Alabama Immigration Law Compliance flow-down requirements that will be in effect on January 1, 2012. Those are discussed herein and can be summarized as follows:

1. PROVIDE Cherokee County Board of Education (the Board) proof that you are in compliance with the immigration law by timely submitting a notarized *Affidavit of Immigration Law Compliance* and an *E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding*;
2. PROVIDE Cherokee County Board of Education (the Board) a signed *Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract* in the attached *Notice* form provided;
3. PROVIDE your subcontractors notice of their compliance obligations and OBTAIN from each a notarized *Affidavit of Immigration Law Compliance- SUBCONTRACTOR*.

The requirements above, imposed by H.B. 56, are “a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the State of Alabama, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees [working in the State of Alabama].”¹ AS A Contractor² or a Grantee, if you believe these obligations do not apply to you, please notify the Board immediately.

For your convenience, we have included for your use a sample AFFIDAVIT OF IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE—CONTRACTOR AND GRANTEES. Please complete, notarize, and return a copy to the Board along with your attached E-VERIFY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. See ALA. CODE § 31-13-9 (c).

¹ ALA. CODE § 31-13-9 (a) and (b). See <http://www.ago.state.al.us/File-Immigration-AL-Law-2011-535> . The law is now codified in ALA. CODE §§ 31-13-1 to 31-13-30 as well as § 32-6-9. (the “Act”)

² A **Contractor** is defined broadly in the Act as “A person, employer, or business entity that enters into an agreement to perform any service or work or to provide a certain product in exchange for valuable consideration. This designation shall include, but not be limited to, a general contractor, subcontractor, independent contractor, contract employee, project manager, or a recruiting or staffing entity.” ALA. CODE §§ 31-13-3 (3).

In turn, you are to obtain from your subcontractors a notarized AFFIDAVIT OF IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE–SUBCONTRACTOR. A careful review of the broad definition below of the term “Contractor” in the Act will assist you in deciding to whom to provide notice. A customizable version of this Affidavit is www.alsde.edu .

If you contract with more than one school system, you will only need to have one affidavit completed and notarized, and then provide a copy to the requesting Boards. You are required to maintain your subcontractors’ affidavits at your offices. These documents will be subject to audit. You may provide a copy of this Memorandum with your notification memorandum to your subcontractors as an explanation for this mandatory requirement.

Finally, you will find a NOTICE OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS TO ALL CONTRACTORS (“CONTRACTORS”) OF LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION for execution by contractors and to be returned to the Board. To the extent that there is no formal written contract between a contractor and the Board, such as where business is conducted by purchase order, this document shall serve as your Alabama Immigration Compliance Contract. Similar language will also be in contractual agreements or grant documents with the Board.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience that the implementation of the Act may cause you, and we hope that you understand our need to comply with the law.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Cunningham, CSFO
256-927-3372

Or

Phyllis Lambert, Head Bookkeeper
256-927-3359

**AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE BY A
CONTRACTOR OR GRANTEE TO CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF
ALABAMA AND/ OR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In compliance with SECTIONS 9 (a) and (b) BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (the "Act"); CODE OF ALABAMA, SECTIONS 31-13-9 (a) and (b), this Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance is to be completed and signed by an officer or owner of a contractor or grantee and notarized, as a condition for the award of any contract by a local school board ("the Board") or by the Alabama Department of Education (ALSDE) to an employer that employs one or more employees in the State of Alabama and is a recipient of funds from the State of Alabama Department of Education, or funds from any political subdivision of the State of Alabama, or any public funded entity (including a local school board). Contractors and Grantees are to provide notice to their Subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

Please complete either Part I (if you do not employ one or more employees in the State of Alabama) or Part II (if you do employ one or more employees in the State of Alabama).

PART I: (Complete if you **do not** employ one or more employees in the State of Alabama.)

I certify in my capacity as _____ (position) for _____ (name of Contractor or Grantee) that Contractor or Grantee does not employ one or more employees in the State of Alabama.

Signature: _____

OR

PART II: (Complete if you **do** employ one or more employees in the State of Alabama.)

State of Alabama:

County of _____:

Before me, a notary public, personally appeared _____ (print name) who, is duly authorized by the business entity/employer which appears below, being sworn, says as follows:

As a condition for being a contractor or grantee on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity, I hereby attest that in my capacity as _____ (your position) for _____ (name of contractor or grantee), said Contractor or Grantee does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien. Further, Contractor or Grantee affirms that it is providing notice to its subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

I further attest that said Contractor or Grantee is enrolled in the E-Verify program and attached to this Affidavit is our E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding confirming such program enrollment. I have read this Affidavit and swear and affirm that it is true and correct.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 2_____.

I certify that the affiant is known (or made known) to me to be the identical party he or she claims to be.

Signature and Seal of Notary Public

To be returned to:

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ATTN: ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
130 EAST MAIN STREET CENTRE, AL 35960**

Notice of Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Requirements to all Contractors of CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

As a Contractor, as defined in the Act, to the CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (“Board”), it is critical to your relationship (future or continuing) with the Board that you comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Accordingly, please provide your Affidavit of Immigration Compliance with attached E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, as requested in the attached memorandum. If you do not believe these obligations apply to you, please notify the Board immediately.

Every contract entered into by the Board from this point forward with a contractor will contain the following clause or one substantially similar:

Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract: Contractor agrees that it will fully comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, which makes it unlawful for an employer in Alabama to *knowingly* hire or continue to employ an alien who is or has become unauthorized with respect to such employment or to fail to comply with the I-9 requirements or fails to use E-Verify to verify the eligibility to legally work in the United States for all of its new hires who are employed to work in the State of Alabama. Without limiting the foregoing, Contractor shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien, and shall have an officer or other managerial employee who is personally familiar with the Contractor’s hiring practices to execute an affidavit to this effect on the form supplied by the Board and return the same to the Board. Contractor shall also enroll in the E-Verify Program prior to performing any work, or continuing to perform any ongoing work, and shall remain enrolled throughout the entire course of its performance hereunder, and shall attach to its affidavit the E-Verify Program for Employment Verification and Memorandum of Understanding and such other documentation as the Board may require to confirm Contractor’s enrollment in the E-Verify Program. Contractor agrees not to knowingly allow any of its subcontractors, or any other party with whom it has a contract, to employ in the State of Alabama any illegal or undocumented aliens to perform any work in connection with the Project, and shall include in all of its contracts a provision substantially similar to this paragraph. If Contractor receives *actual knowledge* of the unauthorized status of one of its employees in the State of Alabama, it will remove that employee from the project, jobsite or premises of the Board and shall comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors, or other parties with whom it has a contract, to act in a similar fashion. If Contractor violates any term of this provision, this Agreement will be subject to immediate termination by the Board. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Board from any and all losses, consequential damages, expenses (including, but not limited to,

attorneys' fees), claims, suits, liabilities, fines, penalties, and any other costs arising out of or in any way related to Contractor's failure to fulfill its obligations contained in this paragraph.

To the extent that there is no formal written contract between the Board and the Contractor, such as where business is conducted by purchase order, this document shall serve as the Alabama Immigration Compliance Contract.

Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract Notice Acknowledged and Agreed by Contractor whose name appears below:

Contractor Officer or Owner Signature/Date

Print Name/Title/Company

Please execute and return within the next 10 days to:

**CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ATTN: ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
130 EAST MAIN STREET CENTRE, AL 35960**

**AFFIDAVIT OF ALABAMA IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE BY A
SUBCONTRACTOR TO CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA
AND/ OR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In compliance with SECTIONS 9 (a) and (b) BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (the "Act"); CODE OF ALABAMA, SECTIONS 31-13-9 (a) and (b), this Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance is to be completed and signed by an officer or owner of a subcontractor and notarized, as a condition for the award of any contract by a local school board ("the Board") or by the Alabama Department of Education (ALSDE) to a Contractor that employs one or more employees in the State of Alabama and is a recipient of funds from the State of Alabama Department of Education, or funds from any political subdivision of the State of Alabama, or any public funded entity. As determined by the Superintendent of the Alabama Department of Education, a notarized Subcontractor Affidavit in this format shall be acceptable by all Contractors to local school boards in the State of Alabama and the ALSDE in compliance with the Act. Subcontractors are to provide notice to their Subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

State of Alabama:
County of _____:

Before me, a notary public, personally appeared _____ (print name) who, is duly authorized by the business entity/employer which appears below, being sworn, says as follows:

As a condition for being a subcontractor to a contractor or grantee on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity, I hereby attest that in my capacity as _____ (your position) for _____ (name of subcontractor), said subcontractor does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien. Further, subcontractor affirms that it is providing notice to its subcontractors of their Alabama Immigration Compliance obligations.

I further attest that said subcontractor is enrolled in the E-Verify program and attached to this Affidavit is our E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding confirming such program enrollment. Further, as a direct subcontractor, for those current employees for whom the E-Verify system may not be used in accordance with applicable federal rules and regulations, subcontractor has reviewed, or had reviewed, the Form I-9s for each of its current employees and has a good faith belief that it has complied with ALA. CODE § 31-13-9(c) and (d).

I have read this Affidavit and swear and affirm that it is true and correct.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2____.
I certify that the affiant is known (or made known) to me to be the identical party he or she claims to be.

Signature and Seal of Notary Public

To be returned to the Contractor or Grantee of a **LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD.**