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AN ORDER TO ENHANCE COMPETITIVE BIDDING

WHEREAS, state agencies are required by statute to purchase goods and services through competitive bids;

WHEREAS, full and fair bidding has the potential to both reduce costs and increase quality;

WHEREAS, waivers of this statutory requirement can be granted under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has the responsibility to ensure that such waivers are utilized only to the extent necessary to protect the interests of Maine people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

1. The Bureau of General Services shall not waive the requirements of 5 M.R.S.A. §1825-B(1) pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §1825-B(2)(E) without written approval of the Governor's Office.

The effective date of this Executive Order is November 22, 2011.

OFFICE OF

aul R. LePage, Governor