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Investigating Committee Report Released No Issues, Problems Or Fault With JOC Job Order Contracting Valuable

January, 2007 - Austin Texas, The House Committee on General Investigating & Ethics in the Texas House of Representatives interim report 2006 has been issued. The Committee, Chaired by the Honorable Representative Kevin Bailey found no issues or problems related to Job Order Contracting in Texas.

This investigating report sets the record straight on the issues generated in Galveston starting in 2005. The conclusion of a year long series of miscommunications in the marketplace and the press around Job Order Contracting has been clarified and cleared up.

This Sub-Committee held two hearings on this subject and primarily focused on Job Order Contracting, (JOC). The committee reviewed all aspects of JOC and those entities involved and believes that Job Order Contracting is a valuable tool.

Job Order Contracting is needed and should be available to all publicly funded organizations in the state. The key recommendations from the report include:

- In addition to conditions established under Education Code § 44.041, job order contracts may also be awarded for emergency repairs.
- All JOC contracts must be approved by the governing body in regular, special or emergency session, prior to be awarded.
- All individual JOC projects exceeding \$500,000 shall be approved by the governing body in regular, special or emergency session, prior to be awarded.
- All bids for job order contracts shall be opened and read aloud in public.

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About The Alliance For Job Order Contracting In Texas: A grassroots alliance of individuals, businesses and organizations that support the value and use of Job Order Contracting for publicly funded facilities and infrastructures. The mission is: To build sustainable support and understanding around professionally designed and managed job order contracting programs in Texas. For more information please go to www.JOCalliance.org