January 1, 2022

Jay Cleveland, Chief Operating Officer
Department of Administrative Services
Division of Financial Management
Hoover State Office Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

I am providing this letter to verify that all sales of tangible personal property, specified digital products, and services to the State of Iowa used for public purposes are exempt from the state sales and use taxes under Section 423.3(31), 2022 Iowa Code. This exemption is also granted to governmental subdivisions of the state, including but not limited to the following:

- The State Board of Regents.
- The Department of Human Services.
- The Department of Transportation.
- Regional Transit Systems as defined in Iowa Code section 324A.1.
- Soil and water conservation districts.
- All other divisions, boards, commissions, agencies, or instrumentalities of the State.

If a state agency is dealing with a construction contract, then the provisions of a “designated exempt entity” must be used. These construction contracts must be entered into using the “designated exempt entity” system maintained by the Iowa Department of Revenue. For more information, see https://tax.iowa.gov/construction-contracts-designated-exempt-entities.

The Iowa Department of Revenue does not issue or assign tax exemption numbers to entities or organizations that are exempted from paying the state sales or use tax. However, you may reproduce this letter in support of your sales and use tax exemption. If a vendor will not accept this letter, you may ask them to contact Taxpayer Services at (515) 281-3114 to answer any questions they might have.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Reilly
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