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TO: V. J. St. Pierre
Parish President

FROM: Leon C. Vial, III 
Director of Legal Services

RE: St. Charles Parish Courthouse Fire Alarm
Project No. P130528

Pursuant to your request the following opinion regarding the captioned file is hereby submitted.

In response to the Parish's bid solicitation three bids were received, one from Alarm Protection Services in the amount of \$109,931.75; one from ADS Systems LLC in the amount of \$165,000.00; and one from Facility Automation Inc. in the amount of \$214, 729.00. However, the bid proposal form from Alarm Protection Services contained a submission of \$28,560.00 as Alternate No. 1 which was not requested in the bid solicitation. In addition, one item of equipment that was specified in the bid specifications as an approved equal was unacceptable. This item is a voice evacuation zoned control priced at \$13,650.00 but the bidder failed to provide any information to the Parish to substantiate that it was equal to the equipment listed in the bid specifications.

Despite several requests to Alarm Protection Services for catalogue sheets or equipment specifications pertaining to this item, the bidder nonetheless failed to provide proof.

This office is of the opinion that the two irregularities abovementioned are substantial and substantive in nature, and for those reasons the bid proposal submitted by Alarm Protection Services should be rejected as being non-responsive.

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cc Phil Dufrene
St. Charles Parish Council c/o Council Secretary