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## To Whom It May Concern:

The Sheriff's Office requests an exception to bid the purchase of two Smart Boards, per Uniform Guidance *Inadequate Competition*. Multiple attempts have been made to secure three bids, but have been unsuccessful. Only one vendor, Unified Technology Systems, has responded. Unified Technology Systems has been used by Gaston County for over 19 years for the installation of various audio/visual equipment. In 2008, they installed equipment in the two training rooms at the Sheriff's Office. They are familiar with the room layout, wiring, and design. It is for these reasons that we request and exception due to lack of competition as well as standardization and compatibility. Purchasing from this vendor will ensure the installation will be compatible with the existing wiring and equipment.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 704 869-6808.

Sincerely,

Captain Joseph Clemmer Gaston County Sheriff's Office