

Under the authority vested in the Governor of Arkansas pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-101 *et seq.*, Executive Orders 20-06 and 20-16 provide that a state of emergency has been declared in response to the COVID-19 virus and all state agencies have been directed to identify provisions of any regulatory statute, agency order or rule that in any way prevents, hinders, or delays the agency's ability to render maximum assistance to the citizens of this state while they are adhering to guidelines to prevent the spread of disease or seeking assistance from the state to obtain benefits or services related to health, education, employment, or any service rendered by the state in response to or to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with Executive Orders 20-06 and 20-16, the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism has identified the following regulatory statutes to be a hindrance and a delay to rendering the maximum assistance to the citizens of this state for the purpose of contracting with an advertising firm in assisting the Economic Recovery Task Force appointed by the Governor of Arkansas to provide a public education advertising campaign in response to the COVID-19:

ACA 19-11-229 Competitive sealed bidding and corresponding rules

ACA 19-11-230 Competitive sealed proposals and corresponding rules

ACA 19-11-233 Emergency Procurements and corresponding rules

ACA 19-11-265 Submission of contracts required and corresponding rules