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December 12, 2017

Mike Krause, Executive Director, THEC
State of Tennessee
Higher Education Commission
Parkway Towers, Suite 1900
Nashville, TN 37243-0830

RE: Request for Procurement Severance – Middle Tennessee State University

Director Krause,

At its December 5, 2107 meeting, the Board of Trustees of Middle Tennessee State University voted to seek THEC's approval for severance from the Tennessee Board of Regents for the purposes of procurement.

Pursuant to the requirements of the FOCUS Act, please accept this letter with the notice and authorized signature attached as Middle Tennessee State University's request for approval to sever from the Tennessee Board of Regents for the purposes of procurement beginning on July 1, 2018.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have and providing additional information in support of this request.

Sincerely,

Sidney A. McPhee
President

Intent to Sever

The FOCUS Act (amending TCA § 49-8-101) authorizes THEC to solicit and receive requests from state university boards to assume the performance of data systems, capital project planning and management, and procurement. The signature of the President, with Board authorization, below indicates that Middle Tennessee State University understands the reporting, compliance, and existing contract requirements associated with procurement and that Middle Tennessee State University intends to sever from the Tennessee Board of Regents on July 1, 2018 for the purposes of procurement. The Board of Trustees of Middle Tennessee State University understands and agrees that it shall not be permitted to assume the performance of the procurement functions until such time as severance is granted.

Name: Sidney A. McPhee

Title: President

Institution: Middle Tennessee State University

Signature:

Date: December 12, 2017