November 20, 2023

**Memo**

**RE: Amending Iowa Code § 8A.321(6)(c)(1)**

Currently, the broad language in this section suggests the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) must solicit proposals from privately owned buildings anytime it relocates employees (even if this relocation is from one State owned building to another) or anytime it renovates a State-owned space. While DAS uniformly reviews the cost effectiveness of its space decisions, DAS does have concerns this language could operate in a fashion that provides a private building owner the ability to interfere with DAS’s space planning decisions in a manner that would require State employees to relocate to a privately owned building while leaving existing, State-owned office space empty. The State would still be responsible for the costs of maintaining that empty space.