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One need not be licensed by the
State Board of Licensing for
General Contractors in order to
bid on and install carpeting.

Dear Mr. Dowling:

The opinion request of the City of Dothan has been received in the Office of the Attorney General. Your request sets out the following facts:

"The City of Dothan has advertised and received bids on replacement of carpet at one of the City's recreational facilities. The contract amount is in excess of \$20,000.00. According to the next to low bidder, the low bidder does not meet specifications because he is not licensed by the State Licensing Board as a 'General Contractor.' He has a State license issued by the County Probate Judge for a business listed as 'contractor-200 and over.' Sec. 40-12-84, Code of Alaama, 1975, as amended."

"The City's bid specifications had the following as a requirement for bidders:"

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"All bidders shall be qualified and be properly licensed contractors in the State of Alabama at the time of submitting bids. The successful bidder whether a resident or non-resident shall be required to comply with all licensing and permit laws of the City of Dothan, Alabama and the State of Alabama."

Your first question reads as follows:

"Is the replacement of carpet considered to be within the requirement of Sec. 34-8-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, such that the City of Dothan would be obligated to award the bid to a 'general contractor.'"

Your question is answered in the negative. As this office held in an opinion to the Honorable James Nolan, Superintendent of Opp City Schools under date of October 26, 1976, one need not have an Alabama general contractor's license to bid on and install carpet. This response appears to make it unnecessary to answer your other questions.

I do hope that this response fully answers your questions. If, however, we may be of further service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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