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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE
COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE**

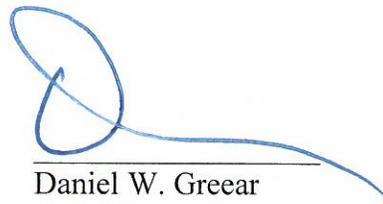
Bluefield State College (hereinafter "BSC") has requested legal representation in conjunction with a pending immigration matter. More specifically, BSC is seeking a three-year extension for an H1-B work visa for a visiting faculty member whose three-year sponsorship was recently extended, as well as an H-4 status extension for the faculty member's dependents. In conjunction with the needed legal services, BSC requests permission to re-appoint the legal counsel who previously handled the needed immigration services – Dimo Michailov of Capitol Immigration Law Group, PLLC.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint Mr. Michailov of Capitol Immigration Law Group, PLLC, to continue to assist BSC with the pending immigration matter, based on the following factors:

- The legal services in question require particular expertise in immigration law not currently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- The legal services needed would require a significant time commitment from the Office of the Attorney General to familiarize itself with immigration law generally.
- There is a particular need for a private attorney with experience handling immigration matters in the context of higher education.
- The legal services needed can be performed remotely and do not require traveling to BSC, or any other places.
- Mr. Michailov has agreed to perform the needed immigration services for flat rate fees of \$1,300 for the H1-B extension and \$350 for the H-4 status extension, plus the requisite government filing fees.
- Mr. Michailov's fees for legal services include any and all necessary filings, consultations, and responses to government requests for evidence.

- Mr. Michailov has particular expertise with respect to the legal matters in question, as he previously counseled BSC with respect to the H1-B visa initially obtained for the visiting faculty member.
- Having previously secured the initial H1-B visa, and corresponding immigration documents, Mr. Michailov is uniquely situated to perform the needed legal services in a more cost-effective manner than other outside counsel, who would likely require additional time and expense to become familiar with the legal matter in question.
- Given the totality of the circumstances, it is more cost-effective and in the interest of the public to allow Mr. Michailov to continue performance of the legal services in question.

Because this matter involves the continuation of a previous legal appointment, and the appointment of new outside counsel through a request for proposal would not be cost-effective, the Office of the Attorney General has determined that Requests for Proposal are not necessary pursuant to Section (D)(2) of Policy #WVAGO-004.



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Chief Counsel

Date Signed: November 12, 2013