

**MOHAVE**  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

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Dear Superintendent,

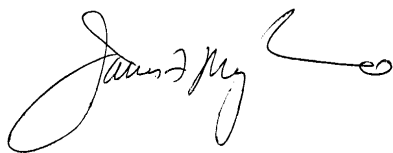
Recently you have received several communications via the internet and email from the Auditor General regarding the use of Mohave contracts. Mohave does not agree with the picture painted by the Auditor General that we “consistently ignore” procurement rules. It has always been Mohave’s position to follow the procurement code and the Department of Education rules regarding school procurement.

Constructive audits can have a positive effect on improving any organization. Mohave always strives to make improvements and provide contracts that are valuable to our members, both in price and quality of product and service. We consistently are at work, on your behalf, to get the very best price for your school district. Mohave saves our members millions of dollars annually through cooperative purchasing. Please refer to our savings surveys on our website [www.mesc.org](http://www.mesc.org).

Enclosed you will find a letter from Mohave’s attorneys, Jennings, Strouss, & Salmon, authored by Ernest Calderon, one of the leading school procurement attorneys in Arizona. The letter supports the fact that Mohave contracts continue to be a valid tool for your purchasing needs. Please take the time to read the enclosed letter and pass it along to the appropriate person in your school district.

Mohave will continue to work with the Auditor General to resolve any and all issues as quickly as possible. In the meantime, Mohave contracts are valid and available for you to use. The documentation referred to in their March 17, 2004, email is available on our website, or it can be obtained by calling our Kingman office at 1-800-742-2437. Mohave has been successful because of your support and confidence. We will continue to work hard to earn that confidence. If you have any questions regarding this letter, the letter from our attorney, or the Auditor General issues please call me at 602-277-4290.

Sincerely Yours,



James F. Migliorino,  
Executive Director  
Mohave Educational Services Cooperative