## Joint Statement by Major General (Ret.) Glenn Curtis and Josh McCoy, CEO of Dynamic Construction Group, LLC

On April 7, 2020 The Advocate published an article reporting that Major General (Ret.) Glenn Curtis, former adjutant general of Louisiana was working for Dynamic Construction Group, LLC as the operations director for the construction of the Alternate Care Site at the Morial Convention Center ("ACSMCC") in New Orleans as part of the State's emergency response to the COVID-19 Health Emergency. The article reported that General Curtis was leading the actual work at the convention center as opposed to dealing with state contracting officials. The article also reported that General Curtis sought legal advice before agreeing to consult for any state contractor. He was quoted as saying, "I'm going to play by the rules".

Section 1121A of the state ethics code prohibits a former agency head, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service, from assisting another person, for compensation, in a transaction *involving that agency* or from rendering any service on a contractual basis to or for *such agency*. Therefore, General Curtis is prohibited for two years from assisting any persons in transactions involving his former agencies, the Louisiana Military Department ("LMD") and the Louisiana National Guard ("LANG").

The contract for the construction of the ACSMCC was an emergency procurement made pursuant the Governor's Executive Order declaring a Health Emergency, Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020. Competition for the contract involved Dynamic and another proposer. The contract is between Dynamic and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness ("GOHSEP"). The LMD and the LANG, the agencies which General Curtis headed, are separate agencies from GOHSEP. Neither the LMD nor the LANG are parties to the ACSMCC contract therefore, the participation of General Curtis did not violate Section 1121A of the state ethics code.

General Curtis was chosen by Dynamic because of his extensive emergency response experience to address this volatile, complex and unprecedented health emergency. No other person has the level of experience as an engineer serving in combat and leading the response to countless state emergencies. General Curtis served his country with honor for 37 years. He was the right man for the job not only for the ACSMCC but also for the people of Louisiana.