



April 28, 2004

Crystal Gipson  
54 Gipson Rd.  
Houston, AR 72070

Re: Advisory Opinion #483-04-06

Dear Ms. Gipson:

This letter is in response to your request for an advisory opinion in accordance with Section 19-11-715(b) of the Arkansas Code Annotated of 1987. Your request for an advisory opinion is based on the following facts:

- a) You work as a Maintenance Aide I for the Arkansas State Highway Department in Perry County.
- b) You have applied to work as a waitress for Arkansas Parks and Tourism at Mather Lodge in Petit Jean and are requesting an advisory opinion to determine if there is any ethical conflict with the Ethics in Public Contracting Law or violation of Governor's Executive Order 98-04.

Neither the Ethics in Public Contracting Law nor Governor's Executive Order apply to the Arkansas State Highway Dept. Accordingly, you are free to enter into employment with Parks and Tourism.

Sincerely,

Richard Weiss  
Director

cc: Joe Giddis  
Cathy Coston, Parks & Tourism  
Doug Neilson, AHTD  
Tom Gay, Office of Atty. Gen.