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INDUSTRY ALERT

Gwinnett County Immigration Issues

At hearing on December 4, 2007, Judge Clarence Cooper of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia denied GUCA's request for a temporary restraining order to stop enforcement of the new immigration provisions of Gwinnett County's purchasing ordinance. The judge stated that he saw no irreparable harm to contractors because, according to Gwinnett County, no contractor has been denied a contract for refusing to sign the County's social security number verification affidavit. GUCA is moving forward with the lawsuit asserting that the ordinance is unconstitutional.

Gwinnett County is preparing to move forward with the contractor records audit provision of the ordinance. If you have signed a contract with Gwinnett County and now wish you hadn't, or if you refused to sign Gwinnett County's affidavit and were refused a contract, or if you refused to sign Gwinnett County's affidavit and your bid was disallowed, we need to hear from you.

This information will help us in our efforts to challenge the ordinance.

Please contact the GUCA office if you have any questions.