

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



Contracts & Procurement

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR AN
EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT**

CAPTION: Lafayette Elementary School - Emergency Handrails Installation

AGENCY: Department of General Services (DGS)

CONTRACTOR: Bennet Group, Inc.

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code §2-354.05 and 27 DCMR 4719

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Department of General Services (the “Department” or “DGS”), has an immediate need to engage Bennet Group Inc. (“Contractor”) to install handrails for the exterior stairs at Lafayette Elementary School.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price to install new handrails for the exterior stairs at Lafayette Elementary School is approximately **\$12,282**.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT:

DGS as an agency of the District of Columbia government is responsible for constructing, sustaining, and maintaining all District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) facilities. This Contract is to install handrails for the exterior stairs in the Lafayette Elementary School.

Certain grade levels use these stairs to gain entry to the rear of the building. Stairs without handrails make it extremely difficult for children with disabilities to move up the stairs and enter the building.

Bennet Group, Inc. has similar work experience and is also a longtime resident enterprise, CBE, and SBE.

The scope of work/services includes, but is not limited to:

1. Fabricate and install handrails.
2. Powder coated all metal black.

Accordingly, given the need for the completion of this project as quickly as possible, DGS-CCS requests that the contract for this work be awarded via Emergency Procurement to Bennet Group, Inc. That recommendation is based on the following points:

- A full-blown solicitation will not allow adequate time to correct this immediate problem.
- Bennet Group can self-perform the work. This will save money as they will not have to pay subcontractor markups and save time, as they will not have to buy out and rely on the availability of other subcontractors.
- DGS-CCS has already engaged Bennett Group, Inc. which has performed an initial site assessment and provided a reasonable price.
- If the services are not provided, DCPS is concerned that the parents will file an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) lawsuit.
- The estimated cost to the District for this renovation is fair and reasonable based on DGS' historical data on similar services.

5. CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct, and complete.

Date

Gbolahan Williams
Deputy Director
Capital Construction Services Division

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the emergency procurement method to award the captioned contract award to Bennet Group Inc. In addition, please be advised that the Department's notice of the captioned emergency contract must be posted on the Department's website no more than seven (7) days after the Contract is awarded. Given the foregoing, I recommend that the

Department of General Services' Chief Contracting Officer approve the use of the emergency procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

Date

Peter Ghogomu
Contracting Officer

7. CERTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF OF CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the emergency procurement method under the cited authority. I certify that the emergency procurement notice of contract award will be published in accordance with Section 405(f) of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Official Code §2-354.05). In conclusion, the Department of General Services (DGS), Chief Contracting Officer approves the use of the Emergency Procurement method as the only viable method to repair the roof and prevent further deterioration of the structural elements supporting Lafayette Elementary School.

Date

George. G. Lewis, CPPO
Chief of Contracts & Procurement