

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**



Contracts & Procurement

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR AN
EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT**

CAPTION: Emergency Services for DYRS YSC Fire Alarm Replacement

AGENCY: Department of General Services (“DGS”)

CONTRACTOR: DC Life Safety

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 (“DGS” or the “Department”) has an immediate need to engage DC Life Safety (the “Contractor”) to perform a complete replacement of the fire alarm system at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Youth Services Center (“YSC”) (the “Project”).

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price to complete the project is **\$415,840.00**.

4. FACTS THAT JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-354.05 and 27 DCMR § 4719, the District is initiating an emergency procurement to perform a complete replacement of the fire alarm system at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Youth Services Center (“YSC”), located 1000 Mt. Olivet Road, N.E., Washington, DC 20002. This action is necessary to immediately mitigate significant life-safety risks posed by the system’s failure, including the increased risk of undetected fire ignition and smoke inhalation, ensure compliance with fire code requirements, and protect the health and safety of the 109 youth residents and facility staff.

The facility houses 109 youth residents, along with staff, contractors, and authorized visitors. The fire-alarm system provides critical life-safety functions, including automatic detection of smoke/heat, audible and visual alarms, and real-time notification to first responders.

Given the direct and immediate threat to public health and safety, emergency procurement is justified to ensure the continuous, reliable operation of the District's emergency response infrastructure.

Some of the findings to justify an emergency response include;

- Unsuccessful Repairs: FMD's certified technicians have performed component replacements and firmware resets, but all attempts failed to restore reliable operation.
- Current Mitigation – Fire Watch: DYRS has instituted a continuous 24-hour fire watch in compliance with NFPA 101 §9.6.1.8. This measure requires at least two trained staff to patrol every occupied zone at 30-minute intervals.
- Life-Safety Risk: Without an operational alarm system, occupants may not receive timely warning in the event of a fire, materially increasing the risk of injury or loss of life.

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

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

June 10, 2025

Date



Osei Headley
Deputy Director
Capital Construction Division

6. CERTIFICATION BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify they are sufficient to justify using the emergency procurement method to award the captioned contract to DC Life Safety. 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 Procurement Officer approve the use of the emergency procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

June 10, 2025

Date

Kianna Shepherd

Kianna Shepherd
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 the 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), Acting Chief Contracting Officer, approves the use of the Emergency Procurement method as the only viable method to ”) to perform a complete replacement of the fire alarm system at the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Youth Services Center.

June 10, 2025

Date

Eric Njonjo

Eric Njonjo, CPPO
Acting Chief Procurement Officer