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**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT**

Purchasing Agency: Department of General Services
User Agency: Capital Construction Division
Caption: Department of Corrections Video Visitation Center –
Transformer Replacement
Proposed Contractor: Coakley & Williams

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Code Section 2-354.05 and DCMR 47, Section 4719.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of General Services (DGS) has an immediate need to engage the services of Coakley & Williams for installation of a new High Voltage electrical transformer at the Department of Corrections Video Visitation Center/Ready Center.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price to provide a new high voltage electrical transformer is not to exceed amount of \$155,789.01.

Coakley & Williams was selected by the Contracting Officer because the vendor was currently on-site executing work for the same facility and they had previously submitted documentation to remediate the power failure.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY A SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The purpose of this emergency procurement, authorized by the Associate Director of Contracts and Procurement in the email dated March 22, 2019 (Exhibit 1) is to prevent an imminent disruption in agency operations and threat to public health, welfare, property, and safety of the District residents who utilize the services offered at the DOC READY Center and Video Visitation Center (VVC).

The facility whose operation has been adversely effected by the failure of the high voltage transformer is the READY Center and Video Visitation Center. The facility serves two critical operations of the DOC:

- A) The READY Center is a one-stop shop where formerly incarcerated District residents can immediately access important post-release services such as housing, employment, education, health care, and substance/metal health after care. The facility serves approximately 365 people each month and will significantly reduce the recidivism rate of returning citizens.
- B) The Video Visitation Center is the location where incarcerated District residents can electronically communicate with family members and loved ones. The electronic visits are granted as an incentive for positive behavior and become increasingly important as an inmate draws closer to their release date.


The facility the house both operations experienced a catastrophic failure of the main PEPCO transformer that provides power to the facility. The generator that provided backup power to the facility ran for 15 days continuously before shutting down. A new temporary generator has been set to provide power until a NEW high voltage transformer can be procured and installed. Without permanent power, the READY Center & Video Visitation Center would have to be cease its service to the community until a power source is provided.

An emergency contract with Coakley Williams is needed to assess the problem so the replacement of the high voltage transformer can be conducted in a timely manner to restore power within the READY Center/ Video Visitation Center. A competitive procurement process was not practicable under this circumstance because the regular competitive bid process cannot be executed in a time that would rectify the problem expeditiously and restore the READY Center/ Video Visitation Center to an acceptable environment for staff and to service its clients.

Based on the above facts, it is in the best interest of the District to authorize the emergency procurement to Coakley & Williams for provision of a new transformer and related services.

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

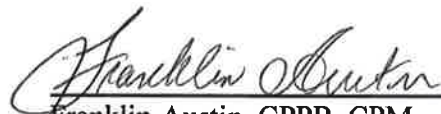
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Date


Paul Blackman, Jr.
Deputy Director
Capital Construction 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 single available source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a emergency procurement action was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 4719 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Department of General Services, Associate Director/ Chief Contracting Officer approve the use of the emergency procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

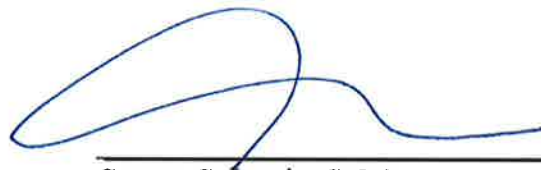
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Franklin Austin, CPPB, CPM
Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

4/3/19
Date


George G. Lewis, CPPO
Associate Director of Procurement
Contract and Procurement Division