

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



Contracts & Procurement

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
CLASS EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT**

Agency: Department of General Services (the “Department” or “DGS”)
Contract(s): **DCAM-23-CS-EM-0006**
Caption: Emergency Construction Services to Fix a Sinkhole in DMV HQ Parking Lot
Contractor(s): Thiha, Inc. (the “Contractor”)

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

Chapter 47 of title 27 of the DCMR Section 4719 and PPRA Sec. 405 (d); *Emergency Procurements*.

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of General Services (DGS) has an immediate need for the Contractor to repair a sinkhole on an emergency basis in the parking lot of the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Headquarters located at 95 M Street, SW, Washington DC.

3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price for the project is \$99,500.00 and Thiha, Inc.’s proposed price is \$91,906.00.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT:

In accordance with the D.C. Official Code §2-354.05 and 27 DCMR 4719, the purpose of this emergency contract is to ensure an immediate construction work to repair the sinkhole at the parking lot of the DC DMV HQ. It is the mission and the responsibility of the Department of General Services to provide safe and healthy environments across all District owned and or operated facilities, including D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles

as ordered under D.C. Code § 10-551.01(b) (4), The Department of General Services Establishment Act of 2011.

The Contractor will be required to provide the emergency construction of the damaged parking lot – a sinkhole – caused by the subgrade soil wash.

The sinkhole was created by excessive rain that washed the soil from the subgrade and initial review by a professional registered Geotechnical Engineer suggests that the condition of the soil washout might have been happening for a long time. Based on a visual inspection it shows that the soil erosion expanded from the location of the sinkhole to the middle of the parking lot. The presence of various cracks on the parking lot might be an indication that the soil wash created a void stretching a substantial distance from the location of the sinkhole. Although the majorly affected area was cordoned off with cones and tapes (blocking any vehicle from parking in that area) there is a substantial concern that it might cause damage and/or injury if a driver accidentally drives on the weakened locations, where subgrade soil was displaced. This may cause sinking vehicles and injury to persons. Therefore, it is an imminent threat to public health and safety.

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

I hereby certify all of my statements herein are true, correct, and complete and that the information given herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Gbolahan Williams
Interim Deputy Director DGS-CCSD

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 to the aforementioned Contractor. In addition, please be advised that the Department’s notice of the captioned emergency contracts 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 class emergency procurement method for this proposed procurement action.

Date

Obaidullah Ranjbar
Contracting Officer



DETERMINATION

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 class emergency procurement notice of contract awards 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, as the Department of General Services (“DGS”), Chief Procurement Officer, I hereby approve the use of the Emergency Procurement method as the only viable method of procurement to provide necessary construction services to repair the sinkhole at the DC DMV HQs Parking Lot.

Date

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

