

JUSTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

Agency: South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation State Fire

Emergency Vendor: SRG Engineering Solutions (SRG Inc)

Agency has contracted with or plans to contract with Emergency Vendor for the supplies, services, information technology, or construction described below per S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1570 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2110, Emergency Procurement.

Describe the nature of the emergency condition and the resulting immediate threat to public health, welfare, critical economy and efficiency, or safety that this procurement responded to: The South Carolina Fire Academy (SCFA) training curriculum requires a Class A burn building to conduct fire training during Recruit Classes and other live fire training classes regularly conducted on the SCFA campus. A recent inspection of our burn buildings determined that immediate repairs are needed to ensure the buildings and props are safe for fire training operations. The next Recruit Class is scheduled to begin in August 2024. Students are on campus for 8 weeks and participate in live fire training. Fire training is critical to the public health and safety of the citizens of the state, it is the Fire Academy's responsibility to ensure an operational Class A burn building is available to support fire training classes. The safety and well-being of students and instructors participating in the fire training class is the paramount consideration of the Fire Academy.

Description of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the above describe emergency condition and threat: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1402 Standard on Facilities for Fire Training and Associated Props requires a 5-year evaluation to be conducted by a licensed professional structural engineer with live fire training structure experience and expertise. During an inspection process in June 2024, two of our burn buildings, our 29-year old Cement Masonry Unit (CMU) Class A burn building and our 19-year old Fire Facilities (FF) Class A Burn Prop Building were inspected by a structural engineer and determined to need immediate repairs to make the buildings safe for fire training operations. Fire training classes are an eight (8) week course which is scheduled four (4) times each year. It is imperative for repairs to begin immediately on the FF Class A Burn Prop Building to ensure the prop building is operational for the August 2024 class while we continue to work on the scope of structural repairs/ costs associated within the more significantly damaged CMU Class A Burn Building.

Basis for Selection of the Vendor – include a description of competition Agency conducted or will conduct, if any, and explain why more extensive competition was/is not practical under the circumstances: SRG Engineering, Inc. has over 20 years of experience in Burn Building repairs, maintenance, service and parts as well as monitoring and temperature systems. The company has previously inspected each of our buildings against the NFPA 1402 standard and for structural integrity. The company has the staffing, expertise, an extensive inventory of parts in stock and can complete all required repairs prior to our next scheduled live fire training burns in of August 2024.

Description of supplies, services, information technology, or construction: Please see attached worksheet for repairs



Authorized Signature

Printed Name: Brittany N. Hammond

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: 7/17/2024

Notes:

**Authorized signature is the agency head unless the agency head has delegated that authority.
Delegation of authority must be submitted to the Materials Management Officer in writing.**