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## **EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION DECLARATION**

(Determination to use Emergency Procedures to procure design services and construction contractors)

### **Emergency Project No. D.G.S. C-0928-0001 Phase 1**

#### **Snow and Ice Issue**

**Philadelphia Family Court - New Building Construction  
Department of General Services – First Judicial District  
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania**

In accordance with §516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the Secretary of General Services has designated the Deputy Secretary for Public Works to determine whether to authorize an emergency procurement at the Department of General Services' Philadelphia Family Court Building located in Center City Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

The Department recently became aware that the subject facility employs a curtainwall system incapable of preventing the accumulation of snow and ice on its horizontal surfaces. This snow/ice accumulation may break loose and fall to the sidewalk potentially endangering pedestrians. The facility has been mitigating the risk posed by this condition by erecting temporary sidewalk barricades during periods of inclement weather and during the periods thereafter during which this phenomenon has been observed to occur. This practice in itself is not ideal as it alters pedestrians' walking path. The facility in its current state poses a public safety concern and needs to be mitigated. In order to quickly eliminate this safety issue, an immediate contract to develop a potential solution will be initiated.

In accordance with Section 516 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the Deputy Secretary for Public Works, has determined this situation creates an eminent threat to public health and safety and the timeliness of the more formal process of using the Competitive Sealed Bidding method to contract for this work creates an urgency of need for the use of an Emergency Procurement. Therefore, immediate action will be initiated by DGS to remedy the Emergency situation.

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