

March 11, 2022

EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT DECLARATION

(Determination to use Emergency Procedures to procure Engineering Services)

Emergency Project No. D.G.S. 948-82
Forum Building – Water Damage Assessment
Harrisburg, Dauphin County, PA

In accordance with Section 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 in this instance.

The Department of General Services (Department) is currently administering the construction contracts for the Forum Building – Construction and Related Improvements, known as Project No. DGS 948-82 Phase 1. A subcontractor to Wohlsen, the General Construction Contractor on the Project, was working in a space above the stage in the auditorium performing demolition work which required the use of water. When work crews first arrived at the work site the next morning on March 1, 2022, water damage was discovered. The water was left on overnight, and a leak developed in the hose. The water damaged items include, but are not limited to: the historic painted fabric ceiling above the stage, the auditorium stage, the pipe organ Bellow room, the theatrical lighting control panel, backstage light fixtures, carpet around the stage, and the interstitial plenum space below the stage area to name a few. The Department requires the immediate services of a Professional to provide advice regarding damages and restoration.

The timeliness of the more formal process of using the Selection Committee to contract with a Professional creates an urgency of need for the use of an Emergency Procurement. Professional services are required to, inter alia, review the water damage, review the report prepared for the General Contractor by Johnson & Griffiths, and provide restoration advice. The Selection Committee does not meet for a few months and these services are required immediately.

In accordance with Section 516 and Section 905(a) of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, the Deputy Secretary for Public Works, acting as the contracting office, has determined urgency of need does not allow for the time it would take to use the formal process of the Selection Committee to contract with a Professional to perform the above services regarding the water damage and historical items. Therefore, the Department will make this emergency procurement by choosing a qualified Professional firm.

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