

Notice of Emergency Procurement

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Francis Marion University procured replacement of six fire hydrants for the University.

Emergency:

The University has a fleet of fire hydrants across campus. The University occasionally allows for local inspection of the hydrants by the servicing fire department (Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Company). Inspection by Windy Hill determined that at least five hydrants are not in working order and therefore if called upon, Windy Hill could not ensure that the hydrants would serve their purpose in the event of a fire on campus. The University then called for further inspection to identify that a sixth hydrant was also in disrepair.

Without immediate work to replace the out of order hydrants, a significant safety risk is imposed to the inhabitants of the University. Additionally, the risk of damage to property is increased when a hydrant cannot be relied upon to aid in slowing or stopping a fire event. It is incumbent upon the University to ensure that fire hydrants are operational for the safety of those who set foot on campus.

Vendor Selection:

RPE Contracting (Rivers Plumbing) is a contractor within the region that has done plumbing work on campus, they were also available when contacted for a quotation for the needs of the University. Rivers Plumbing not only has the workers that are capable of safely repairing a unit such as this one, Rivers also has the required materials and labor available to proceed with the work as soon as possible. For these reasons, Rivers Plumbing was selected to return the University's fire hydrants to working order.

Company Specifics:

RPE Contracting
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(a) by email to protest-mmo@mmo.sc.gov,

(b) by facsimile at 803-737-0639, or

(c) by post or delivery to:

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