



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 28, 2019

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Russell J. Stoll, Executive Engineer

Subject: Emergency Condition Leading to Emergency Declaration (Project No. 201900035)
Geiter Done of WNY Inc., Contractor.

A water main repair was necessary after a leak was identified on a fire hydrant piping/tee assembly at 5343 Goodrich Road, Town of Clarence. ECWA crews mobilized to that location and began to excavate for the repair. After excavating the pipe to assess the damage and method of repair the crew determined that the pipe was made of asbestos concrete. ECWA crews are not licensed and qualified to perform the repair and related work for this type of pipe. The only contractor currently under contract by ECWA that has the required licenses and qualifications is Geiter Done of WNY, Inc. They are currently ECWA's contractor to remove spoils stored at the Service Center (Project No. 201800010, Excavated Material Removal and Disposal, April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2020). The repair had to be completed as soon as possible.

Because the emergency repairs need immediate attention, ECWA has directed an experienced contractor, currently under contract with ECWA that has appropriate insurances and bonding, to perform the emergency repairs. Due to these types of emergencies sufficient time is not available to procure a contractor through a competitive bid process.

RJS:jmf

cc: L.Kowalski

ECWA-840-1901

ECWA-840-1801-I-186

Central Purchasing Declaration of State of Emergency

Work Order No.: Cityworks order number: 35009

OWIP No.: _____

Project No.: 201800010 & 201900035

Date of Emergency: January 25, 2019

Detailed Description of Emergency Condition:

A State of Emergency was declared to hire a contractor quickly to perform work not currently in his scope of work. The repair work required specific skills and licenses and had to be completed, and the water main returned to service to protect the water supply and the health and safety of the public.

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Authorized Signature: Pursuant to the Purchasing Guidelines (Page 17) authorization granted to one or more of the following two (2) individuals: Any Commissioner, the Executive Director, Executive Engineer, and/or the Director of Administration.

Russell J. Foltz EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 1/25/19
Robert J. Schlueter OPERATIONS DIRECTOR 1/25/19

To: Purchasing System File