

Emergency Written Determination

Agency Identification: South Carolina Department of Education H63

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: Aiken County High School relocated its parking lot, which has rendered the existing propane tank installation inaccessible and non-operational at its current site. The propane tank provides fuel essential to the functioning of the school buses. School session is scheduled to commence on July 21, 2026 — fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of this determination. The existing electrical infrastructure serving the tank must be deconstructed and new electrical service must be installed at the tank's new centralized location before the facility can open to students and staff. Failure to complete this work prior to the first day of school would impair the preservation and protection of school property, threaten the health and safety of students and staff who rely on the facility, and prevent the functioning of state government services provided through public education. This condition arose suddenly upon completion of the parking lot relocation and cannot be remedied through normal competitive procurement methods within the time available. Estimated contract value: \$12,000.00.

Describe the facts and circumstances giving rise to the above describe emergency condition and threat: The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) identified the need to relocate the propane tank and its associated electrical infrastructure at Aiken County High School following the completion of a parking lot reconfiguration project. Upon identifying this urgent need, SCDE immediately solicited quotes from three (3) vendors to satisfy the requirement for competition to the maximum extent practicable under the circumstances, as required by S.C. Code Ann. §11-35-1570 and S.C. Regulation 19-445.2110: 1. MAC Electric — Submitted a responsive quote and confirmed capability and availability to complete the work by the required date. 2. Amerigas — Declined to quote, stating they were not capable of performing the electrical work associated with the propane tank relocation. 3. Palmetto Propane — Declined to quote, stating they did not have sufficient time to complete the required work before the school year commencement date of July 21, 2026. MAC Electric was the sole responsive and responsible vendor. Because normal competitive procurement methods cannot be completed within the fourteen (14) days remaining before school commences, and because any delay would prevent the functioning of the school facility, emergency procurement is both necessary and authorized under the referenced statutory and regulatory provisions. The scope of this emergency procurement is limited to the work necessary to relocate the propane tank and restore electrical service at the new location.

Agency has contracted 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.

Emergency Vendor: MAC Electric

Basis for Selection of the Vendor —SCDE solicited quotes from three (3) vendors (MAC Electric, Amerigas, and Palmetto Propane) as required to obtain competition to the maximum extent practicable. MAC Electric was the only vendor capable of performing the work within the required timeframe. Amerigas declined due to lack of capability; Palmetto Propane declined due to scheduling constraints. MAC Electric was therefore selected as the sole responsive and responsible vendor. The estimated contract value is \$12,000.00, which is below the \$50,000 threshold requiring SCBO public notice posting under §11-35-1570(B).

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Description of supplies, services, information technology, or construction: Deconstruction of existing electrical infrastructure serving the current propane tank location at Aiken County High School; relocation of the propane tank to the new centralized parking lot location; and installation of new electrical service to the propane tank at its new location. This constitutes construction/renovation services necessary to restore the school facility to operational condition prior to the commencement of the 2026-2027 school year.

Required Signatures:

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Title: Procurement

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Approval Date: __07__/07__/2026__

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