Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: December 3, 2024

Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

Daniella Levine Cava

Subject: Recommendation for Approval of a Non-Competitive Designated Purchase to Ratify an Emergency Contract for FORTS Fire Station Units and Related Services

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Summary

This item is to ratify an emergency contract for the purchase of five FORTS mobile shelter units to serve as temporary accommodations for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR). This emergency contract was necessary to address the unsafe conditions of Highland Oaks Fire Station 63 and reduce the time that the service area is impacted with extended response times. MDFR is working with the State of Florida to further assess the building conditions and provide a more permanent solution.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve this request for a non-competitive designated purchase pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code), by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present, to ratify an emergency contract, *Contract No. E-10484, FORTS Fire Station Units and Related Services*, to Elite Aluminum Corporation in the amount of $1,045,310 for a three-year term for MDFR.

Background

On May 30, 2024, MDFR declared an emergency, necessitating the evacuation of Highland Oaks Fire Station 63 located at 1655 NE 205 Street, Miami, FL. To ensure the safety of staff, MDFR decided to purchase FORTS mobile shelter units as a secure area for their temporary relocation. Fire Station 63 is a building that MDFR is currently leasing from the State of Florida. Following a building assessment, Station 63 was deemed an unsafe facility based on significant structural compromises and required immediate evacuation. Continued occupation of the fire station had the potential to place MDFR personnel at risk of severe injury, as the assessment revealed foundational instability, impacted load-bearing walls and beams, and the potential for a roof collapse. To avoid extended response times to the residents of Highland Oaks, FORTS mobile shelter units are being utilized rather than relocating to nearby fire stations. MDFR, in coordination with the State of Florida, will be providing a separate modular building onsite to serve as a permanent station. This modular building has been approved by the State of Florida, can withstand hurricane force winds, and is expected to be operational in 365 days. In the interim, the FORTS units will serve as a temporary fire station so that the fire units and personnel can remain within their assigned territory.

This contract provides for FORTS units to use as temporary mobile shelter units until the Extreme Building, a structure specifically designed and engineered to withstand extreme conditions such as natural disasters, is operational. Utilization of the FORTS mobile shelter units allow MDFR to continue to provide safe accommodations for their personnel and continue to provide an adequate response time to emergencies in the surrounding areas. The purchase includes related services, such as emergency relocation and storage of the units during a Hurricane Watch. FORTS mobile shelter units were utilized by MDFR during the Surfside Building collapse to serve as Command Centers, housing the Planning/Administrative Section, Chaplaincy/Mental Health Section, MDFR Medical Section, K9 Group, Public Information Section, and the Base Camp Unit. MDFR currently owns two smaller FORTS mobile shelter units for their operational needs; however, they are not suitable as a temporary fire station and are currently in use by MDFR's construction team.

Competition was not practicable due to the urgent need to relocate MDFR personnel and equipment and reduce the impact on operations. Accordingly, it is in the County's best interest to approve this designated purchase pursuant to Section 2-8.1(b)(3) of the Code to ratify this emergency contract for the purchase of mobile shelter units and associated services for MDFR.

Scope

Fire Station 63 is located within District 1, which is represented by Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III; however, the scope of this item is countywide in nature.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The fiscal impact for this emergency contract is $1,045,310 for a three-year term, which expires on June 10, 2027.

Department	Allocation	Funding Source	Contract Manager
MDFR	$1,045,310	Fire District Funds	Marianela Betancourt
Total	**$1,045,310**		

Track Record/Monitor

Christopher Grant-Henriques of the Strategic Procurement Department (SPD) is the Procurement Contracting Manager. The contract documents are with MDFR and are tracked by Marianela Betancourt.

Delegated Authority

If this item is approved, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will have the authority to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extensions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the Miami-Dade County Code and Implementing Order 3-38.

Vendor Recommended for Ratification

Vendor	Principal Address	Local Address	Principal
Elite Aluminum Corporation	4650 Lyons Technology Parkway Coconut Creek, FL	None	Yigal Zadok

Due Diligence

Pursuant to Resolution No. R-187-12, due diligence was conducted in accordance with SPD's Procurement Guidelines to determine contractor responsibility, including verifying corporate status and that there are no performance or compliance issues through various vendor responsibility lists and a keyword internet search. The lists that were referenced included convicted vendors, debarred vendors, delinquent contractors, suspended vendors, and federal excluded parties. There were no adverse findings relating to contractor responsibility.

Applicability of Ordinances and Contract Measures

- The two percent User Access Program applies.
- The Small Business Enterprise measures and Local Preference do not apply as this was an emergency purchase.
- The Living Wage Ordinance does not apply.

James Reyes
Chief of Public Safety

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(P)(2)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Statement of social equity required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

__✓__ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present __✓__, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve**

__✓__ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING A NON-COMPETITIVE DESIGNATED PURCHASE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1(B)(3) OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT; RATIFYING EMERGENCY CONTRACT NO. E-10484 WITH ELITE ALUMINUM CORPORATION FOR FORTS FIRE STATION UNITS AND RELATED SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,045,310.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM FOR THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY CANCELLATION OR EXTENSIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-8.1 OF THE COUNTY CODE AND IMPLEMENTING ORDER 3-38

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board finds it is in the best interest of Miami-Dade County to approve a non-competitive designated purchase, pursuant to section 2-8.1 (b)(3) of the County Code, by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present and to ratify an emergency contract, Contract No. E-10484, with Elite Aluminum Corporation for FORTS Fire Station Units and Related Services in an amount not to exceed $1,045,310.00 for a three-year term for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR).

Section 2. This Board authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any cancellation or extensions, pursuant to section 2-8.1 of the County Code and Implementing Order 3-38. A copy of the contract is on file with and available upon request from MDFR.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman

Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Kevin Marino Cabrera	Sen. René García
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Roberto J. Gonzalez
Keon Hardemon	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. MBV

Michael B. Valdes