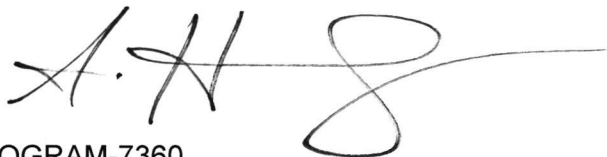


Date: April 17, 2019

To: Gary Hartfield, Division Director
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Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department

Subject: Request to Utilize Contract No. MCC-PROGRAM-7360
RPQ No. MDFRD-MOLDRRR
Mold Remediation and Repair/Restoration Services



BACKGROUND

Within the past several months, various fire stations have submitted service requests for water intrusion and mold related damages. In addition, exposure reports have been filed by MDFR station personnel that range from allergic illnesses to toxic effects and everywhere in-between. MDFR has been working diligently to address and mitigate these issues under an emergency declared by Chief Downey. However, we are now moving away from the emergency and would like to establish a permanent mechanism in place to address these issues when they arise so that they do not become an emergency.

It is important to note that fire stations are a 24-hour, 365 day/year operation which service the residents of Miami Dade County. Maintaining these stations operational with minimum disruption to staff and the community is of the utmost importance. Therefore, tackling this issue at the inception is key to minimizing illnesses while maintaining the level of service the residents of Miami Dade County have come to expect.

RECOMMENDATION

When done improperly, mold remediation can do as much harm as it can good. Contractors with a lack of experience and training can create unnecessary costs, extended time frames, cross contamination, etc. It is the intent of the MDFR to establish a work-order based RPQ for mold remediate and repairs services (to include roof repairs) to ensure that there is a mechanism in place to address these issues the moment a mold assessment is conducted and the reports identify positive mold findings.

It is important to note that contractors that submit bids for this project must possess the following licenses and certifications in order to ensure proper remediation and repair services are rendered pursuant to the State of Florida, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), etc.:

- Florida State Mold Remediation license via the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- United States Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 402 Certification
- Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certificate –OR– equivalent certification by an organization that adheres to the same globally recognized standards for the assessment, inspection cleaning and restoration established by the industry.

Therefore, we are respectfully requesting the use of the MCC7360 for this specialized project in order to increase competition within the designated, highly specialized trade.

Project Estimate: \$900,000

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