

JUSTIFICATION FOR  
EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

Based upon the following determination, the proposed procurement action described below is being procured pursuant to the authority of Section 11-35-1570 of the South Carolina Procurement Code and 19-445.2110 of the Rules and Regulations, 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws.

This governmental body proposes to procure the services of (1) a transition architect to expeditiously assess and mitigate irregularities identified within the last month, and to advise the institution on immediate and long term solutions to reduce safety risks and liabilities to the campus community (i.e., students, faculty, staff, and community members). (2) D. Stafford & Associates has been identified as the emergency contractor given they have a candidate immediately available with the required experience identified herein. (3) The basis for this emergency determination is the need to quickly address a number of irregularities in protocol identified within the last month. Campus leadership must quickly ensure the campus community is safe from security risk in regards to: departmental operations; use of police equipment; academic, administrative and residence hall building access and police coverage; car & pedestrian traffic; and sporting / external events security and traffic management. Therefore, being able to quickly assess current protocol being followed vs. best practices in our environment is essential in addressing and taking actions to mitigate any potential campus safety and security risks and liabilities relative to policies, procedures, practices, and processes being performed by the officers on campus. In order to appropriately identify strengths, weaknesses, and improvements and to immediately assist the institution with the mitigation of threats, the transition architect offered by D Stafford & Associates has a candidate with professional experience as a Chief of Police at an institution of higher education with a similar size and acreage to Winthrop University for at least ten (10) years. This individual possesses a background in higher education law enforcement and public safety in South Carolina, while also being familiar with the specific requirements for educational institutions involving the Clery Act, Title IX, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, Emergency Management and Behavioral Threat Intervention. All of the aforementioned characteristics are critical for addressing the identified areas of risk. This procurement is urgent as the stabilization of the organization is paramount, while we simultaneously prepare to nationally recruit for the Chief and Assistant Chief of Police positions (this transition architect will not be permitted to apply for either of these future positions).

2/11/2020

DATE

Estimated Amount: \$100,000

Winthrop University  
GOVERNMENTAL BODY

  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

VP for Finance and Business Affairs  
TITLE