



Emergency Purchase Number: EA15-02

Office/Division: Division of Highways - District 1

Address: 201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, IL

Chief Procurement Officer: Bill Grunloh

Vendor: Benchmark Construction Company

Address: 3349 South Kedzie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60623

Estimated Cost: \$350,000.00

Final Cost: \$333,762.25

This expenditure is justified as:

- An emergency involving public health.
- An emergency involving public safety.
- Necessary to protect State property from further loss or damage.
- Necessary to prevent or minimize serious disruption in State services.
- Necessary to insure integrity of State records.
- Quick purchase as provided by Section 20-30 (d) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

The conditions and circumstances requiring this emergency expenditure are:

In November 2013 as part of a jurisdictional transfer, the Illinois Department of Transportation took over maintenance of 26th street from East End Avenue to east to State Street, in Chicago Heights. In August 2014, the department received a complaint from the local elected officials indicating that the condition of the storm sewer along 26th Street from Wallace Street to Stewart Avenue is causing homes in a section of Chicago Heights to flood. After investigating the location, and attempting to clean and repair the storm sewer using in-house forces, it has been determined that the entire length of sewer (some 1,100 ft.) needs to be replaced. This work is beyond the capability of state forces. The work needs to be completed as soon as possible, prior to additional rains and winter weather, to prevent additional flooding in Chicago Heights, and to preserve the condition of the pavement along 26th Street.

The following contractors were contacted to provide informal bids:

- Bench Mark \$268,760.50
- Kenny Construction \$598,607.00
- PirTano unable to bid
- Ricci Welch unable to bid
- Berger \$603,786.50

The low bid received was \$268,760.50. At this time due to uncertainty in the exact quantities of pay items, this total cost of is being estimated at \$350,000.00.