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From: **Whittaker, Frank M** <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 9:04 AM

Subject: Re: Purchasing Memo - Maitland (Johnson) Drainage AML Emergency Project

To: Matkins, Christopher T <christopher.t.matkins@wv.gov>

Cc: B J Chestnut <b.j.chestnut@wv.gov>, Mike W Richardson <mike.w.richardson@wv.gov>

Chris,

Please proceed with negotiations with the Thrasher Group for the Maitland (Johnson) Drainage-E Emergency Reclamation design Project Please follow all PProcedures outlined in the Purchasing Division Procedures Handbook and WC Code §5G-1-4.

Thank you,

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 4:09 PM Matkins, Christopher T <christopher.t.matkins@wv.gov> wrote:

Frank

See updated Purchasing Memo attached...let me know if you need anything else.

Chris

On Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 3:59 PM Whittaker, Frank M <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov> wrote:

Chris,

Please edit your request memo to further clarify the special circumstances that would make seeking competition not practical, and the basis for selecting the chosen firm, or conduct discussions with 3 or more firms prior selection as described in §5G-1-4.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

On Thu, Jun 19, 2025 at 8:27 AM Matkins, Christopher T <christopher.t.matkins@wv.gov> wrote:

Frank/BJ

Please find attached the AML Emergency Purchasing Memo for the Maitland (Johnson) Drainage project. The Thrasher Group will provide Professional Services for the project.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank You

Chris Matkins

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Harold D. Ward, Cabinet Secretary
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MEMORANDUM

TO: BJ Chestnut, Assistant Chief
Administrative Services – Business and Technology Office

FROM: Chris Matkins, Southern Regional Engineer

SUBJECT: Maitland (Johnson) Drainage-E
AML Emergency Reclamation Project – McDowell County, WV

DATE: June 16, 2025

Chris Matkins

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Seepage from an abandoned deep mine has suddenly begun into a yard area owned by Mr. Keith Johnson, 70 Maitland Circle, Maitland, West Virginia. The drainage, estimated at approximately 15 gpm, appears to originate from an abandoned deep mine situated in the Pocahontas No. 4 coal seam some 150 feet beneath the yard elevation. The mine drainage flows upgradient due to hydrostatic pressure produced from the flooded mine and then exits onto the Johnson property beneath a large utility building owned by the complaint. The flow then spreads onto his, and an adjacent property owned by the McDowell County Commission. The water then pools on the McDowell County Commission property and slowly seeps into the ground and likely re-enters Elkhorn Creek which flows adjacent to the site.

The saturated areas present a hazard to both the landowner and his property. Damage will occur to the utility building if the situation is not abated immediately, likely requiring relocation or replacement of the building. A greater concern is the landowner's current physical limitations. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which further complicates his access to the property and livestock. [REDACTED]

The complaint is recorded in DLRNet as 2025-SOU-047-097

The proposed abatement plans will be to capture the drainage beneath the ground surface via a subsurface drainage system and properly route it off the site to the adjacent stream. The abatement cost for the project is approximately \$80,000.

The Thrasher Group, Inc. has been contacted to provide Professional Services for this project. These services are estimated at \$12,000 for the project.

Please contact me should you have any questions

cc: File