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Emergency Procurement Determination

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RE: **Emergency Procurement – Electrical Equipment and Services**

This memo serves as the official determination that an emergency condition exists as defined under the New Mexico State Procurement Code, specifically NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-127 (a), which allows for emergency procurement without the use of competitive sealed bids or proposals when there exists a threat to public health, welfare, safety, or property caused by a flood, fire, epidemic, riot, act of terrorism, equipment failure or similar event to take immediate action.

Nature of Emergency:

Power loss at the Magdalena Ridge Observatory (MRO) due to a lightning strike, causing a fault and issues on the MRO system. Immediate, emergency procurement is needed to replace the damaged equipment.

Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC), the electric utility company, will provide the required equipment and services. Pricing has been reviewed and deemed fair and reasonable under the emergency circumstances.

Justification:

The nature of this situation makes competitive bidding impracticable. The conditions meet the definition of an emergency under the Procurement Code, and this procurement is made in compliance with Section 13-1-127 NMSA 1978 (a)



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