



MEMORANDUM

TO: Kirk Schulz, President
FROM: Daryll DeWald, Executive Vice President, Health Sciences
DATE: January 24, 2024
SUBJECT: Authorization for Emergency Contract(s) and/or Purchases

In accordance with RCW 28B.10.350(5) (regarding construction work, remodeling, or demolition) and/or RCW 39.26.130 (emergency purchases of goods or services), I am requesting a declaration of emergency in order to waive the competitive public bid process.

The facts constituting the emergency are as follows: On January 20, 2024, a broken heating water pipe located in an exterior wall in the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building (PBS – WSU Building No. 9018) flooded portions of the first floor in addition to the basement. The water impacted approximately seventeen offices on the first floor, multiple research rooms in the vivarium and space within the anatomy laboratory. The resulting damage has impacted critical research and research systems within the vivarium.

The actions needed to correct the situation are as follows: The emergency declaration will allow Washington State University (WSU) to hire an emergency response contractor to mitigate the impacts of the water to offices, the vivarium and the anatomy laboratory preventing further damage to both the structure and research activities. This work includes, but is not limited to water removal, moisture removal and ventilation of the areas.

The emergency declaration will also facilitate the restoration of the vivarium and the research activities within this space through the hiring of a contractor that can coordinate repair work. Restoration work will include, but is not limited to repairs to walls, flooring, electrical systems, lighting systems, and ventilation systems. Repairs and/or replacement of existing research equipment that is critical to research operations will also be completed.

The condition described above qualifies as an emergency under the statute because [(1) it is likely to result in immediate physical injury to persons or property of the University in the absence of prompt remedial action. In accordance with RCW 28B.10.350(5) and RCW 39.26.130, and based on the above recitation of the facts, I hereby declare the existence of an emergency and waive the competitive public bid process with respect to any contract or purchase needed to immediately correct/address the situation set forth above.

Kirk Schulz
WSU President

Date