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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Charleston has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding through the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) as a sub-grantee.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Applicant: City of Charleston

Project Title: 4286-S062 City of Charleston – Permanent back-up power at 4 Fire Stations

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of three (3) existing fire stations located within the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE):

- Fire Station 2 & 3 – 162 Meeting Street, 29401
- Fire Station 8 – 370 Huger Street, 29403
- Fire Station 12 – 1352 Old Towne Road, 29407

Proposed work and purpose:

The City of Charleston intends to replace existing under-sized emergency generators at these locations with larger, permanent automatic back-up power systems (diesel) with fuel supplies capable of providing one week of continuous power for each emergency response facility. This will ensure that the personnel have an opportunity for quality rest and recovery between calls and maintain the capacity for routine operations during extended events. These locations are within Special Flood Hazard Areas (Zone AE). All new equipment will be installed at an elevation at least 2.0' above the Base Flood Elevation. The City of Charleston will ensure that all applicable codes and regulations are adhered to during construction, providing documentation as required to SCEMD and FEMA.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) the use of temporary facilities. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the facilities will remain vulnerable to extended loss of power; and under Alternative 2) the availability of temporary facilities is not guaranteed nor is it automatic, requiring 12-36 hours per event to find, receive and connect required equipment along with ongoing maintenance during the event.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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