DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2006

To: Cheri Heramb, Acting Commissioner
   Department of Transportation

Attn: Gilberto Quinones

From: Barbara A. Lumpkin
      Chief Procurement Officer

Re: Emergency Purchase Order Authorization

Pursuant to Section 2-92-644 of the Municipal Purchasing Act, I am authorizing you to make an Emergency purchase from Traffic Control Corporation. Based upon information received from members of your staff, I have determined that this procurement is necessary to meet bona fide operating emergencies.

You are hereby authorized to purchase ‘EZ Detectable Warning Panels’ in the amount of $249,998.00 as requested in your letter of February 24, 2006. Any amount in excess of the $249,998.00 approved here will be subject to additional authorization and will be limited so as not to exceed the $250,000.00 limit established by statute.
cc: Barbara A. Lumpkin
    Doug Yerkes
    Lourdes Nur
    Lorel Blameuser
    Claude Humphrey
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    Scan Copy
February 24, 2006

Barbara Lumpkin
Chief Procurement Officer
Department of Procurement Services
121 North LaSalle Street – Room 403
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: E-Z Set Detectable Warning Panels, Warning Surface System for Ramps for People with Disabilities. REQ: 26136

Dear Mrs. Lumpkin:

The Department of Transportation, Division of In-House Construction is requesting an emergency purchase of E-Z Set Detectable Warning Panels not to exceed $250,000.00. This amount should satisfy CDOT’s, Division of In-House Construction for Detectable Warning Panels for approximately 650 handicap accessible corners. Without the panels CDOT is not in compliance with American with Disabilities Act.; creating a hazardous condition in the public way.

The Department of Transportation is working in conjunction with the Department of Procurement Services to develop specifications for a contract to purchase E-Z Set Detectable Warning Panels to be used on Ramps for People with Disabilities. This specification is currently with Procurement. Presently no contract exists to purchase this item.

CDOT requests for E-Z Set Detectable Warning Panels is based on the enclosed price quote from Traffic Control Corporation, the only authorized distributor whose product meets CDOT’s specifications. CDOT’s recommends that this emergency purchase be awarded to Traffic Control Corp.

If additional information is required, please contact Lou Langone at 312-744-5717. Your help in expediting our request at your earliest convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Cheri Heramb
Acting Commissioner

Originated by:

William Cheeks
Deputy Commissioner
Division of In-House Construction

Reviewed by: Lou Langone 3/2/06

cc: T. Powers W. Cheeks G. Quiñones T. Byrne L. Langone

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)