

## Non-Competitive Procurement Justification

**Project Name:** Ground Storage Tank Repairs

**FEMA Identifier:** TBD

**Purpose:** Fix damaged hatches, vents, and gauges attached to our ground storage tanks.

### **I. Regulatory Basis for the Non-Competitive Procurement**

The City of North Port (the City) undertook this procurement under the justification provided in 2 CFR Part 200.320(c)(2):

- “The item is available only from a single source;.”

### **II. Brief Description of the Product or Service Being Procured**

During the Hurricane Ian, the ground storage tanks throughout the city were damaged in various ways.

Tank 1 sustained damages to the center vent cap and curb. We must fix damaged concrete, patch vertical and horizontal prepared surface, and purchase a new vent assembly. We must also replace one damaged overflow screen and have the liquid level indicator repaired.

Tank 2 will need four #675 overflow screen replaced and the center vent mesh screen.

Tank 3 has a missing access hatch, blow away during the storm. Also, will need the liquid level indicator repaired.

Tank 4 will need four #200 emergency overflow screen replaced and the liquid level indicator repaired.

Tank 5 will need only the liquid level indicator repaired.

### **III. Why a Non-Competitive Procurement Was Necessary**

CROM Coatings and Restorations are the only CROM, LLC-certified personnel for inspection and repair of CROM, LLC fabricated prestressed composite tanks. This is due to the unique form of construction of these tanks and in order to properly address modifications, maintenance and repairs on prestressed tanks, the companies involved need to have considerable experience in how the tanks are designed and built. CROM, LLC only approves CROM Coatings and Restorations as an approved company to repair their prestressed composite tanks. To avoid potential non-conforming repairs and/or further damage to the tanks, CROM Coatings and Restorations was directly solicited to perform this work.

**IV. Duration of Non-Competitive Contract Scope of Work**

The duration of contract will be limited to the time necessary to perform the scope necessary to repair the damage items noted within CROM Coatings and Restoration's quote to the City. The scope will be limited to work that only CROM Coatings and Restorations is solely authorized to perform, as well any required minor ancillary work required to complete the project.

**V. Why a Competitive Procurement Would Not Have Been Suitable**

In addition to the justification provided above, any ill-advised attempt to solicit quotes from non-CROM, LLC certified contractors would have added both time and expenses to the process. Presumably, the additional parties would require a site visit where they would seek to familiarize themselves with the fabrication process of CROM, LLC tanks. Theoretically, the City could have sought to find other CROM, LLC approved contractors outside of CROM's Coatings and Restorations, service territory to obtain additional quotes, but this would almost certainly have resulted in contractual or legal issues amongst the parties. Ultimately, the work required will be highly specialized, and in the interest of protecting public health and safety by ensuring ample and safe potable water, the City selected the only contractor that it could confirm that was qualified to perform the work.

**VI. Conflict of Interest Checks**

No conflicts of interest, either known or apparent, exist between CROM Coatings and Restoration and the city.

**VII. Additional Considerations**

N/A.