

# Community Colleges of Spokane Purchasing Department

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## Emergency Declaration Notice

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The Facilities Department at the Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) has received approval from the CCS Purchasing Manager to waive competitive solicitation requirements in order to address an emergency situation that occurred on the SCC Campus on January 14, 2019 as follows:

At 4:05 am on 1/14/2019 the SCC campus experienced a transformer failure at Building 6. The ark that occurred at the transformer created such a significant surge in the campus power grid that it damaged electrical gear at the west Avista feed into the campus. The electrical failure caused a complete SCC campus power outage that required all classes to be cancelled for the day. In order to restore power, crews from Arc Electric, SCC trades, and Spokane Valley Transformer were called in to evaluate the damage and make emergency repairs.

RCW 39.26.130 defines an emergency as "a set of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the agency that either (a) present a real, immediate, and extreme threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) may reasonably be expected to result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken."

As this situation meets the definition of an emergency found in RCW 39.26.130, a waiver from competitive bidding is approved.

The preliminary estimate for repairs is \$115,631.76 before tax.

Contracts with Arc Electric, Atlas Electric, United Rentals, Kone, Spokane Valley Transformer and Rhodes Crane and Rigging will be issued for the required repairs, rental of generators, and transportation of the damaged transformer.

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