

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida struck the City of New Orleans on August 29, 2021 and caused damage to the buildings owned by the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO); and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the immediate and long-term safety of HANO's tenants and property, HANO entered into a contract with HANO and H. Davis Cole & Associates, LLC ("Cole") on September 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the contract between HANO and Cole that was executed on September 2, 2021 was procured and signed under the emergency procurement procedures detailed in Section 5 of HANO's Procurement Policy; on pages a-6-7 of the HUD Procurement Handbook No. 7460.8 REV 2, at a-6, 7; in the Code of Federal Register at 24 CFR 85.36 (d)(4)(I)(B); and in Louisiana statute at La. R.S. 38:2211 and La. R.S. 38:2212; and

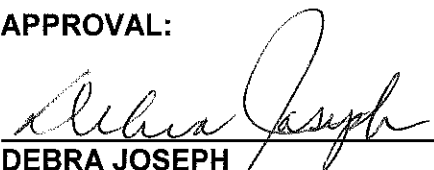
WHEREAS, the contract between HANO and Cole that was executed on September 2, 2021 was procured and signed to protect persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the contract between HANO and Cole that was executed on September 2, 2021 provides for the inspection of 345 HANO-owned buildings by engineering teams over sixty (60) days at a cost not-to-exceed Three Hundred Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$384,100.00).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that because of the exigent and emergency circumstances created by Hurricane Ida's destruction of HANO-owned buildings on August 29, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby approves the emergency contract with Cole that was signed by HANO's Executive Director, Evette Hester, on September 2, 2021 for the purpose of conducting building inspections and structural analysis which would ensure that HANO's buildings are structurally sound and do not impose a health or safety risk to anyone, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$384,100.00).

Executed this 28th day of September, 2021.

APPROVAL:



**DEBRA JOSEPH
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



September 28, 2021

MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Commissioners
President Debra Joseph, Vice President Isabel Barrios,
Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,
Commissioner Carol Johnson, Commissioner Monika McKay,
Commissioner Kim Piper and Commissioner Bill Rouselle**

**Through: Evette Hester
Executive Director**

**From: Kevin Oufnac
General Counsel**

**Re: Approval Emergency Contract to Perform Structural Analysis of 345 HANO-
Owned Buildings after Hurricane Ida**

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the contract between HANO and H. Davis Cole & Associates, LLC ("Cole") that was executed on September 2, 2021 under the provisions for emergency procurements.

On August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida struck the City of New Orleans and caused obvious, and possibly concealed, damage to HANO-owned properties. For the immediate and long-term safety of HANO's tenants and property, HANO entered into a contract with Cole for the purpose of conducting building inspections and structural analysis which would ensure that HANO's buildings are structurally sound and do not impose a health or safety risk to anyone. Because of the immediate need to protect the safety of persons and properties, HANO used the emergency procurement procedures detailed on Section 5 of HANO's Procurement Policy to execute the contract with Cole. See also, HUD Procurement Handbook No. 7460.8 REV 2, at a-6, 7, 24 CFR 85.36 (d)(4)(l)(B), La. R.S. 38:2211 and La. R.S. 38:2212.

The contract provides for the inspection of 345 HANO-owned buildings. The contract requires Cole to provide two (2) assessment teams consisting of include three (3) team members (an engineer with a broad base of experience in structures, a building specialist with a broad base of knowledge in individual building systems, and a data collector to assist with gathering photographs and notations). Moreover, the contract allowed the teams to engage additional roofing, electrical and HVAC specialists when issues arose that require additional investigation as identified by the teams. Back office support will assist with data organization, report preparation, and cost estimation. Finally, the contract provided that Cole would provide to HANO a report that described the findings and assessed the safety of the buildings.

The contract term is sixty (60) days, with a (30) thirty day extension option. The reports are to be provided to HANO on or before October 17, 2021, unless additional time is necessary to access

all 345 buildings. The contract price is not-to-exceed Three Hundred Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$384,100.00).

HANO respectfully requests that because of the exigent and emergency circumstances created by Hurricane Ida's destruction of HANO-owned buildings on August 29, 2021, the HANO Board of Commissioners approve the emergency contract with Cole that was signed by HANO's Executive Director, Evette Hester, on September 2, 2021 for the purpose of conducting building inspections and structural analysis which would ensure that HANO's buildings are structurally sound and do not impose a health or safety risk to anyone, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$384,100.00).