


**Construction Management Division**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 21, 2018  
**TO:** Brenda J. Billingsley, Director  
 Purchasing Division  
**FROM:** Ariadna Musarra, Director/County Architect   
 Contract Administrator  
**THROUGH:** Jack Shim, Construction Project Management Supervisor  
**SUBJECT:** Existing BARC Central Building Demolition – Emergency Procurement Request

The subject of this request is to obtain approval for an emergency procurement to acquire remediation and demolition of the existing BARC Central Facility in the in the most expeditious manner. The new BARC building located at 325 SW 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale will be receiving a certificate of occupancy in the next few weeks (around the end of March 2018) and all operations and employees will be relocated from the existing BARC Central building to the new BARC Central building. It is the intent of the Purchasing Division to obtain bids through an existing Qualified Vendors List for demolition services.

The existing BARC Central building was built around 1955 and it includes a two-story concrete block Main building of approximately 26,880 square feet, a one-story concrete block Laundry/Storage building of 1,455 square feet, located at 1011 Middle Street, Ft. Lauderdale.

The existing BARC Central building located in a populated residential neighborhood, if left abandoned and not demolished immediately will become a public safety health hazard to the surrounding residential area. The abandoned building will be subject to vagrancy, drug dealing, homeless occupancy, vandalism, theft of any metals or portions of the structure that would disturb known asbestos containing materials, etc. In addition to posing a potential public safety health hazard, this poses a liability for the County. Thus, it is imperative that the existing BARC building be demolished immediately upon vacation of the building and its services to the new BARC building. Therefore, we request that this demolition be processed as an emergency procurement in order to allow the timely start of permitting and demolition activities on this site.

**cc:** Alphonso Jefferson, Assistant County Administrator  
 Jeff Thompson, Assistant Director, Construction Management Division  
 Jack Shim, Project Manager, Construction Management Division  
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