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September 6, 2024

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol, Room 315  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Quarterly Report on Arkansas State Hospital Storm Repairs Utilizing Restricted Reserve Funds

Dear Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is submitting its quarterly report on Arkansas State Hospital (ASH) storm repairs utilizing restricted reserve funds. Phase One of the remediation project, which was asbestos abatement, was completed as of June 2024.

Phase Two, flood damage remediation for unit #4, bids were evaluated by TSS-DBA on August 22, 2024, however, DHS was forced to reject and rebid the phase because the lowest bid exceeded the certified project amount established by DHS of \$1,934,900.00 as well as the DBA negotiable threshold of 25% over the certified amount. The design and specifications are being re-worked to alleviate any unwarranted costs and will be rebid as soon as practicable.

Phase Three, flood damage remediation for unit #3, plans and specifications under DBA #7102311EM are in DBA Review currently and should be ready for the next steps by the middle of next week. Morris AE is assembling a list of qualified contractors, and the bid date should be set within a few weeks. To date, DHS has incurred expenses for design professional fees totaling \$174,379.93 across all three (3) phases.

Thank you for your assistance and interest in this critical project. Please contact Misty Eubanks, Deputy Secretary for Operations and Budget, if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristi Putnam'.

Kristi Putnam, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Human Services

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cc: Robert Brech, Administrator  
DFA—Office of Budget

Andy Babbitt, Administrator  
DFA—Office of Accounting

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**Arkansas State Hospital (ASH)**

30-Aug-24

*ASH Storm Damage Repair Status as of 08/30/2024*

Legislation Provided Funding MOF #05182

Unit	DBA Proj. #	Project Description	To DBA For Review	To DBA For Bid Date	Low Bid Amount	Bid Status/Notice To Proceed	MOF #	Est. Cost Of Const.	Project Exp. As of 8/30/2024	Cost String	AASIS Funds Obligated by Req/PO	Approv. In AASIS	Status	Design Professional	Div. to Proceed Y/N
	Design	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	7-Jun-24				05182		\$ 46,494.09	418057-10/1DE/HHAX01XX	Various	Approv.		Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	
	Construction	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	28-Sep-23	19-Jan-24	\$ 433,000.00	24-Feb-24	05182	433,000.00	411,350.00	418081-02/BV9/NHS2023	4502204077	Approv.	Complete - Inv. Outstanding	Env. Protection Assoc., Inc.	Complete
	Design	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	7-Jun-24				05182	-	92,016.90	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.	Complete - Inv. Outstanding	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	?
	Construction	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	18-Mar-24	8-Aug-24	\$ 3,095,144.00	Rejected	05182	1,967,900.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1000994561	Deleted	Exceeded DBA On-Call Threshold		
	Design	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3 & #5	28-Mar-24				05182	-	35,868.94	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.		Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	
	Construction	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3 & #5	28-Aug-24	Pending			05182	2,000,000.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1001008116	Approv.	Bid Date Pending		Y
								<b>ASH Total Est. BV9 Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 4,400,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 585,729.93</b>					