



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 14, 2025

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshar 
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the July 15, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting – Addenda Item 6 – Protest Appeal by The Pittsburgh Paints Co. (PPG) of Procurement Director's for Cancellation of Solicitation No. IFB-250000973, Paint and Paint Supplies**

On June 26, 2025, a Notice of Recommendation for Award was issued to respondents concerning the referenced Solicitation for Paint and Paint Supplies as follows:

<u>AWARDEE NAME</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNT</u>
The Sherwin-Williams Company	\$112,184.49	\$125,000.00 (including sales tax)

On June 27, 2025, PPG submitted a protest of the recommendation for award pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code 11.20.010(F). On July 2, 2025, the Procurement Director sustained PPG's protest and cancelled the solicitation.

On July 3, 2025, PPG submitted a protest appeal to the Board of Supervisors with the Clerk of the Board pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code 11.20.010(H) (Protest Appeal). This appeal of our Procurement Director's decision will be heard at the July 15th Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The attached memorandum provides the County's responses to PPG's concerns identified in their Protest Appeal (Attachment).

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Bruce Collins, Director, Procurement Department
Sarah Horvath, Director Stadium District – Kino Stadium

July 2, 2025

Ms. Wendy Kim
The Pittsburgh Paints Company
319 W. 17th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Re: Protest – Award for Solicitation No. IFB2500009743, Paint and Paint Supplies

Dear Ms. Kim:

On June 27, 2025, the Pima County Procurement Department ("Procurement") received a protest from The Pittsburgh Paints Company ("PPG") regarding the Notice of Recommendation for Award of Solicitation No. IFB2500009743 for Paint and Paint Supplies issued June 26, 2025, which recommended The Sherwin-Williams Company as the Awardee.

The basis for your Protest is that The Sherwin-Williams Company response to the County's item bid list quantities were not accurate.

Based on our review of the products' descriptions and bid form, I concur with your assessment. Consequently, pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code 11.20.010.G, your protest is sustained, and this solicitation will be cancelled today, July 2, 2025, in its entirety due to said administrative errors. A new solicitation may be issued at a future date. You are encouraged to participate in the upcoming solicitation.

You may appeal this decision to the Board of Supervisors by filing an appeal with the Clerk of the Board within 5 business days of the date of this written decision pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code section 11.12.10.H. If you file an appeal with the Board of Supervisors, the Board will consider the protest at a regularly scheduled meeting within 30 days of this decision. The Board may, with or without a hearing, either accept this decision or determine an appropriate remedy.

I appreciate your comments and encourage you to participate in future Pima County solicitations.

Sincerely

Bruce D. Collins, CPPO
Procurement Director

C: Sarah Horvath, Director Stadium District – Kino Stadium
Ana Wilber, Procurement Materials and Services Division Manager
Troy McMaster, Lead Procurement Officer
Stephen Romero, Procurement Officer

Bruce D. Collins, Director