



**Emergency Purchase Number:** AFF-11-08

**Office/Division:** Division of Highways

**Address:** 400 West Wabash  
Effingham, IL 62401

Chief Procurement Officer: Bill Grunloh

**Vendor:** Merz Heating and Air Conditioning

**Address:** 509 South Willow  
Effingham, IL 62401

Estimated Cost: \$26,350.00 (Actual)

**Final Cost:** **\$26,350.00**

This expenditure is justified as:

- An emergency involving public health.
- An emergency involving public safety.
- Necessary to protect State property from further loss or damage.
- Necessary to prevent or minimize serious disruption in State services.
- Necessary to insure integrity of State records.
- Quick purchase as provided by Section 20-30 (d) of the Illinois Procurement Code.

The conditions and circumstances requiring this emergency expenditure are:

Recent failure of the existing Air conditioning system at the FAI 70 Eastbound, National Trail Rest Area building near Effingham, Illinois. Building temperatures are exceeding 100 degrees at times during the current hot weather resulting in unsafe extreme heat conditions for the elderly, physically handicapped, employees, and general public. The rest area provides a safe oasis for the travelling public to rest and reduce driver fatigue, and in doing so, eliminating safety hazards for the motoring public. Extreme building temperatures also create an unsafe work environment for the employees. Existing unit has been inspected by 3 separate HVAC companies, and found to be non-repairable due to the age of the unit (35 + years olds.)

The Department contacted the following individual firms to solicit proposals for the replacement:  
 Merz Heating and Air Conditioning – 509 South Willow, Effingham, Illinois 62401, telephone 217-342-2323, Howard Green  
 Jansen’s Heating and Air, 11984 E US Hwy 40, Effingham, Illinois 62401, telephone 217-347-5223, Jerry Westendorf  
 Industrial Services of Illinois, 717 South 19th Street, Mattoon, Illinois 61938, telephone 217-234-6487, Russ Scoles

We met with all 3 representatives at the rest area, explained that they were to take measurements, dimensions, and technical information to replace the existing non-functioning AC unit with the proper equipment to meet the AC needs of the facility. Copies of the original building construction plans were also provided for all 3 vendors.

It was noted to all 3 firms that the vending area had been added since the original construction, and that additional cooling capacity might be needed due to the increased floor space, and for the increased thermal load from the vending machines.

Proposals were received via e-mail and forwarded to you for appropriate action from Jansen's and Merz. We spoke with Russ Scoles last Wednesday, June 15, 2011, and he declined to submit a proposal for his firm.