

Excerpted from SCO Manual, applicable to State agencies:

Section 203 Emergency Projects

Emergency situations are addressed in Administrative Code NCAC 30D.0302(e) for Special Procedures for Emergency Projects and reads as follows:

On occasion, emergency design or consultation services may be required for restoration or correction of a facility condition which by its nature poses a hazard to persons or property, or when an emergency exists. Should this situation occur, in all likelihood there will not be sufficient time to follow the normal procedures described in this Rule. The Capital Projects Coordinator on these occasions may declare an emergency, notify the State Construction Office and then obtain the services of a designer or consultant for consultation or design of the corrective action. In all cases, such uses of these emergency powers shall involve a written description of the condition and rationale for employing this special authority signed by the head of the agency and presented to the SBC at its next normal meeting. Timeliness for obligation of funds or other non-hazardous or non-emergency situations do not constitute sufficient grounds for invoking this special authority.

See next page for process applicable to Universities. Note that the need to declare an emergency and hire a designer under such a declaration does not eliminate the requirement for competitive bidding for the resulting project. At the same time, dangerous conditions associated with the emergency require making a site immediately safe and secure and can often be handled quickly either with informal bidding or at a level (<\$30,000) where bidding is not required.