ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DENVER PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

# Department of Public Health & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality

## Executive Summary

**Purpose and Use of Agreements:**

As an environmental agency, we are responsible for governing, managing, and ensuring regulatory compliance, as such, we establish environmental type contracts for citywide use. We initiate contracts with a not to exceed amount, but we are not always aware of specific and urgent needs of the city, upcoming projects, or new initiatives that will draw from these contracts. In supporting City-wide efforts and emerging mayoral priorities, from time to time, we find ourselves needing to increase the contract value or adjust contract details as circumstances arise to meet the needs.

Our asbestos consultants and contractors provide valuable services to the city to properly manage and remove regulated and hazardous building materials, such as asbestos, lead, and mold. Asbestos, a well-known carcinogen, was utilized in over 3,500 commercial building products and requires state certified contractors and consultants for any work that disturbs materials containing asbestos. Our vendors all support daily operations and maintenance activities, construction projects of any scale, and emergency response as they relate to regulated building materials. A lapse in service would significantly impact the city's environmental risk and ability to respond to critical public health issues at city shelters, city-owned properties, and all of Denver. These on-call contract values are not guaranteed amounts for each vendor, but they allow the city to meet mayoral initiatives, bond projects, state and federal compliance, and ensure the safety of Denver residents and visitors while reducing the city's environmental liability.