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BID FOR PONTCHARTRAIN CENTER ROOF TO BE CONSIDERED AT THURSDAY'S KENNER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner City Council on Thursday is expected to address one of the biggest blows dealt by Hurricane Isaac in August of 2012 – a new roof for the Pontchartrain Center.

The council will consider the bid of \$881,000 from Crown Architectural Metal Company. There were a total of four bidders for the job.

While the new roof is crucial, the temporary repairs made nearly two years ago were easily as important, said Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni.

“The hurricane surprised everyone with its strength and the length of time it sat over the area,” Yenni said. “There were holes in the roof and water coming inside. At the same time, we had events scheduled in the days and weeks ahead. Canceling events would have been a huge economic blow.”

Instead, city officials located an architect and a contractor to immediately assess the damage even as the rains from Isaac were still falling. The task was considerable, said Kathleen Turner, general manager of the Pontchartrain Center.

“We knew this was a temporary fix that had to last for some time because the project would first have to be assessed and approved by FEMA, and we certainly weren’t the only folks in the area with a significant hurricane claim,” Turner said.

The bulk of the damage, which included vents and other fixtures completely blown off, was to the Hall C roof, Turner said. About 30 percent of the approximately 250 events each year in the Pontchartrain Center involve Hall C.

Turner said the repair work should not affect future events at the Pontchartrain Center.

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