



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to enter into a three year contract with RQI Partners LLC in the amount of \$156,907.50 for the Division of Fire's Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program subscription. The Fire Division has a need to continue its subscription to RQI Partners LLC's Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program to manage the division's paramedic CPR certifications and associated training; a bid waiver is requested given the specialized and unique nature of these services. This program will continue to assist the Fire Division in managing the CPR certifications of personnel using American Heart Association (AHA) training/certification professionals and portable simulation stations. This program provides immediate feedback to improve performance, communicates metrics via tracking software that measures success, and will reduce the division's reliance on costly in-classroom recertification.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE: RQI Partners LLC #83-0935798 ~ Vendor 029843

Bid Waiver Justification: The Division of Fire has successfully implemented this specialized and unique program with RQI Partners LLC to manage their CPR certifications via American Heart Association standards and does not seek an alternative solution at this time. The program has reduced personnel costs associated with backfilling positions once needed to manage these certifications in house, and done so in a more responsive manner given the portability of the technology used to manage these certifications.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$156,907.50 from the General Fund, where the expense for these services is budgeted. The Division of Fire expended \$135,970.00 in 2023, \$124,840.00 in 2022, \$118,360.20 in 2021 and 2020 for this subscription.

To authorize the Public Safety Director to enter into a contract with RQI Partners LLC for Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) for the Division of Fire; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and to authorize the expenditure of \$156,907.50 from the General Fund. (\$156,907.50)

WHEREAS, the Columbus Division of Fire has a need to enter into a three year contract with RQI Partners LLC for a subscription to their Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program (RQI) which will manage the Division's paramedic CPR certifications; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Fire, to enter into a three contract with RQI Partners LLC; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code Chapter 329 to enter into this contract given the specialized and unique nature of the services provided; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, in that it is necessary to authorize the Director to continue the RQI Partner's Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program (RQI) for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized to enter into a three year contract with RQI

Partners LLC for access to the Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program (RQI) on behalf of the Division of Fire.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$156,907.50 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the general operating fund 1000-100010 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to waive the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to Competitive bidding for this purchase.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.