



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to modify to increase funding on an existing Indefinite Quantity Contract for Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC in the amount of \$600,000.00.

The Department of Public Utilities uses this service for tree trimming, tree removal and removal of vegetation in and around power distribution lines, street light circuits, water treatment facilities, sewer treatment facilities and other areas serviced by the City of Columbus.

The Department of Public Utilities publicly opened three bids on April 21, 2021 and Asplundh Tree Expert LLC was deemed the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder.

Purchase Agreement, PA005256, was established in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ018278 and authorized under Ordinance Number 1244-2021 and will expire June 30, 2024.

Modification #1 was authorized under Ordinance Number 0091-2022 to add additional funding to the existing contract.

Modification #2 was authorized under Ordinance Number 2970-2022 to add additional funding to the existing contract.

Modification #3 was authorized under Ordinance Number 0078-2023 to add additional funding to the existing contract.

This legislation seeks to add additional funding to the contract without extending the term of the contract. This Ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code pertaining to contract modifications.

**SUPPLIER:** Asplundh Tree Expert LLC, vendor #001744, CC#23-1277550 expires 10/24/2024, Majority Status

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

1. Amount of additional funds: Total amount of additional funds needed for this contract modification is to ADD \$600,000.00. Total contract amount including this modification is \$2,325,000.00.
2. Reasons additional funds were not foreseen: The need for additional funds were known at the time of the initial contract. This funding increase is to provide the additional funding necessary for the payment of services to be provided through June 30, 2024.
3. Reason other procurement processes were not used: Work under this renewal is a continuation of services included in the scope of the original bid contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are anticipated at this time.
4. How cost was determined: The cost, terms and conditions are in accordance with the original agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$600,000.00 is budgeted and needed for this purchase.

\$728,069.65 was spent in 2022  
\$438,373.41 was spent in 2021  
\$448,325.07 was spent in 2020  
\$618,774.64 was spent in 2019

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify and increase an Indefinite Quantity Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services and to authorize the expenditure of \$600,000.00 from the Electricity Operating Fund. (\$600,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities entered into an Indefinite Quantity Contract for the purchase of Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services in accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code, pursuant to solicitation, RFQ018278, with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC, being the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to modify PA005256 with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services to provide additional funding without extending the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has agreed to modify and increase PA005256 at current prices and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to modify and increase funding for an Indefinite Quantity Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services; and **now therefore**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to modify and increase an Indefinite Quantity Agreement PA005256 with Asplundh Tree Expert LLC for Tree Trimming and Vegetative Management Services in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file. Total amount of this renewal is to ADD \$600,000.00. Total contract amount including this renewal is \$2,325,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$600,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, \$600,000.00 is hereby authorized in Fund 6300 (Electricity Operating) in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** 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 5.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.