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Legislation Text

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To authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary to enter into contract for the acquisition of a 2500MHZ Tower Top Receiver Preamplifier and in-line rack mount power supply and high gain antenna system for the Division of Support Services' Regional Communications Emergency Response Vehicle, in accordance with sole source procurement with Vislink Law Enforcement and Public Safety utilizing Homeland Security Grant funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

BACKGROUND: The Division of Support Services was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a 2500MHZ Tower Top Receiver Preamplifier and in-line rack mount power supply and high gain antenna system for the Regional Communications Emergency Response Vehicle. This preamplifier will improve the effective receive range of the aircraft video downlink from 2 miles to about 10 miles. The total cost of this equipment is \$8,400.00, the payment of which will be issued by Franklin County, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement via Ordinance 1917-2005 to enable this type of purchase.

This legislation will authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the equipment.

Bid Information: The Division of Fire was approved for a State Homeland Security Grant to purchase of a 2500MHZ Tower Top Receiver Preamplifier and in-line rack mount power supply and high gain antenna system. No bid was processed because Vislink Law Enforcement and Public Safety is a sole source provider of this equipment.

This specialized equipment is unique and offered only by the aforementioned vendor. All equipment that is funded through US Homeland Security grants must be approved by the United States Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness to be eligible for funding. There is no other approved equipment that meets Support Services requirement at this time. This equipment is specific for the Regional Communications Emergency Response Vehicle.

This Company is not debarred according to the Excluded Parties listing of the Federal Government and is not listed in the Auditor of State database for Findings for Recovery.

Contract Compliance: Vislink Law Enforcement and Public Safety's # is 061165211 expires 6/01/2012

Emergency Designation: This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure so that legislative approval can occur prior to expiration of the grant period.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to enter execute those documents necessary to purchase the antenna system listed in the amount of \$8,400.00 for the Division of Support Services using Homeland Security grant funds currently held by Franklin County. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, the Division of Support Services needs to acquire this equipment for the Regional Communications Emergency Response Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Support Services has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to

purchase said equipment; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition is being made in accordance with Sole Source Provisions; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Support Services Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of said equipment prior to the expiration of the grant period, 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 Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract with Vislink Law Enforcement and Public Safety for the acquisition of a 2500MHZ Tower Top Receiver Preamplifier and in-line rack mount power supply and high gain antenna system for the Regional Communications Emergency Response Vehicle.

SECTION 2. There is no city related expenditure associated with this ordinance; grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security are being administered via Franklin County in the amount of \$8,400.00.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus that this acquisition be in accordance with the provisions of Sole Source Provisions of Section 329.07(e), of the Columbus City Codes.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.