



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a contract with Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) for utility operations and maintenance training. This ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the sole source provisions of City Code Chapter 329.

The Department of Public Utilities requires the operators at its treatment plants and distribution system to be licensed by the State of Ohio. The employees receive specialized utility operations and maintenance training through the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO). OTCO is the State of Ohio's Environmental Training Center under the Clean Water Act. For this reason, the Department of Public Utilities requests to enter into a sole-source contract with the Operator Training Committee of Ohio for specialized utility operations and maintenance training for department personnel, in the amount of \$94,750.00. The contract will be for a period of one year from date of execution.

The Purchase Agreement associations listed require approval by City Council in order for the division to expend more than \$100,000.00, per Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

VENDOR: Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO); (DAX #006175); Non-Profit Organization.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$94,750.00 is budgeted and needed for this purchase. **This ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2024 operating budget, Ordinance 3012-2024.**

\$112,275.00 was spent in 2023

\$42,680.00 was spent in 2022

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into contract with the Operator Training Committee of Ohio, Inc. for utility operations and maintenance training, in accordance with the sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code for the Department of Public Utilities; and to authorize the expenditure of \$63,750.00 from the Water Systems Operating Fund, and \$31,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$94,750.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities requires the operators at the treatment plants and distribution system to be licensed by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, employees receive specialized utility operations and maintenance training through the Operator Training Committee of Ohio, Inc. (OTCO), which is the State of Ohio's Environmental Training Center under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a sole-source contract with the Operator Training Committee of Ohio for specialized utility operations and maintenance training for department personnel; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to enter into a contract for utility operations and maintenance training from the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO); **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) for utility operations and maintenance training, in accordance with the sole source provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code, for the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$94,750.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the said firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Utilities.

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 this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.