



City of Columbus

Office of City Clerk
90 West Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-9015
columbuscitycouncil.org

Legislation Text

File #: 0627-2008, Version: 1

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to extend and increase the contract with Duke's Root Control Inc. for Root Control Services for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Sewer Maintenance Operations Center. This is a planned modification.

The Sewer Maintenance Operations Center utilizes the contract for the application of chemical herbicide to prevent growth of tree roots in sanitary sewer lines 8" to 36" in diameter. The original contract language allowed for the contract to be extended two (2) additional years on a year to year basis. This is the first modification option.

The Director of Public Utilities opened formal bids on April 11, 2007. Two (2) bids were received. Both bids were deemed non-responsive for failure to send back the bid package in its entirety however, bid proposals were submitted as was all the required information. Because of that fact both bids were considered for evaluation.

The chemical products offered by both companies were sent to the Surveillance Laboratory and the lab made the following observations:

After evaluation of the bids it was determined that the low bidder, Municipal Sales Inc was found non-responsive to the specifications. The product offered by Municipal Sales Inc did not meet the US EPA listing as a Group E compound, the least hazardous. The product included Meta Sodium and Dichlobenil listed as B2 and C hazardous chemicals respectively. The specifications also prohibited use of any carcinogenic pesticide. Both of the chemicals listed above are designated by the US EPA as carcinogens.

Furthermore, the specifications called for the pesticide to be classified by the US EPA as general use or non-restricted use. The product offered by Municipal Sales is labeled as "Restricted due to acute toxicity".

Therefore in order for the City of Columbus and the Department of Public Utilities to be environmentally responsible, a recommendation was made for Duke's Root Control Inc. which provided a product that is safer for the environment. The original ordinance was submitted as a waiver of competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code Section 329 because neither company's bid was responsive for failure to submit the bid package in its entirety.

SUPPLIER: Duke's Root Control Inc CC# (75-3026801) Expires 5-20-09

FISCAL IMPACT: \$285,000.00 is needed and budgeted for this service.

\$285, 000.00 was spent in 2007

\$290,000.00 was spent in 2005

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a planned modification of a contract with Duke's Root Control Inc for Root Control Services for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to authorize the expenditure of \$285,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$285,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Utilities opened bids for Root Control Services on April 11, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Maintenance Operations Center utilizes the root control service for the application of chemical herbicide to prevent growth of tree roots in sanitary sewer lines 8" to 36" in diameter, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage wishes to modify EL007222 with Duke's Root Control Inc. for Root Control Services, and

WHEREAS, the original contract language allowed for 2 renewals on a year to year basis and this request is the first modification, 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 enter into a planned modification of EL007222 with Duke's Root Control Inc. for Root Control Services for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$285,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is authorized from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, Fund No. 650, OCA 605089, Object Level 1: 03, Object Level 03: 3375.

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