



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to pay for wireless fees to ADS LLC for wireless flow meters.

Flow meters are used to monitor flows through sanitary and combined sewer lines throughout the City. The information allows the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to track development and the capacity of the system and is instrumental in the development and on-going Wet Weather Management Program. Since June of 2006 the Division of Sewerage and Drainage has purchased meters that are LAN line capable. Through various CIP projects mostly Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) studies, contractors purchased wireless meters through ADS LLC. It has now become necessary for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to take ownership and become responsible for the payment of the monthly wireless fees for 200 meters, which is an increase of 70 meters for 2015. The cost per month is \$25.00 per meter. The agreement is for one (1) year from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

ADS LLC has negotiated a custom level service with AT&T for the wireless technology for the flow meters to perform. This process includes a fixed IP address for each SIM card within the flow meter. Assigning individual meters with a fixed IP address allows the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to call individual meters any time to collect data or perform diagnostics. Furthermore, ADS LLC has developed flow meter communication hardware and software around this technology and the flow meters will not function under any other system. Having said that, this ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the pertinent Sole Source provisions of Columbus City Code 1959, Chapter 329.

SUPPLIER: ADS LLC (80-0355805), Expires 2/4/16 (Publicly Held Company)
ADS LLC does not hold MBE/FBE status.

This 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: \$60,000.00 is budgeted and needed for these payments.

\$34,250.00 was spent in 2013.
\$42,150.00 was spent in 2012.

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.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with ADS LLC for flow meter wireless fees in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and to authorize the expenditure of \$60,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$60,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage has taken ownership of 130 wireless flow meters and will add an additional 70 meters in 2015 for a total of 200 meters, and is now responsible for the payment of monthly fees of \$25.00 per month per meter, and

WHEREAS, the agreement is for one (1) year from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and

WHEREAS, flow meters are used to monitor flows through sanitary and combined sewer lines throughout the City. The information allows the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to track development and the capacity of the system and is instrumental in the development and on-going Wet Weather Management Program, and

WHEREAS, since June of 2006 the Division of Sewerage and Drainage has purchased meters that are LAN line capable. Through various CIP projects mostly I&I studies and Model Update studies, contractors purchased wireless meters through ADS LLC as part of those studies, and

WHEREAS, ADS LLC has negotiated a custom level service with AT&T for the wireless technology for the flow meters to perform. This process includes a fixed IP address for each SIM card within the flow meter, and

WHEREAS, assigning individual meters with a fixed IP address allows the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to call individual meters any time to collect data or perform diagnostics. Furthermore, ADS LLC has developed a flow meter communication hardware and software around this technology and the flow meters will not function under any other system, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Columbus City Code, Chapter 329; 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 an agreement with ADS LLC, 1300 Meridian Street, Suite 3000, Huntsville, AL 35801, for flow meter wireless fees for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 2. That this service agreement is being established in accordance with the Sole Source provisions of Columbus City Code, Chapter 329.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$60,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby is authorized from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, Fund No. 650, Department 60-05, to pay the cost of this contract as follows:

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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.