



## Legislation Text

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**Background:** In February, 2012 Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced a program to fight vacant and abandoned properties that includes a plan to aggressively target and demolish blighted structures. This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with three contractors to provide demolition and asbestos abatement services under the program. The companies responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP), SA-004485, and were selected by an evaluation committee as the companies with the best proposals. A total of five companies responded. The companies and proposed contract amounts are as follows:

Watson General Contracting	\$300,000
B and B Wrecking, Inc.	\$300,000
Ransom Company	\$300,000

**Fiscal Impact:** Funds are available in the 2012 Capital Improvement Budget in Fund 782 Housing Preservation Fund. Cash for this project is contingent on the July 10<sup>th</sup> Bond Sale.

**Emergency Justification:** Emergency action is required in order to complete the work within the timeframe for which the cost estimates were given and demolish the structures as soon as possible.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into contracts with three contractors to provide demolition and asbestos abatement services as part of the Vacant and Abandon Properties Initiative; to authorize the expenditure of \$900,000.00 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$900,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced the Vacant and Abandon Properties Initiative, a comprehensive plan to address vacant and abandoned properties that includes a goal to demolish hundreds of structures over the next four years; and

**WHEREAS,** various City offices are implementing the demolition portion of the program, including the targeting of vacant and abandoned properties through tax foreclosure and seeking authorization to demolish blighted properties from the Environmental Section of the Franklin County Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS,** Watson General Contracting (contract compliance number: 311429409, expiration 3/10/2013), Ransom Company (contract compliance number: 269401266, expiration: 1/9/2014, MBE), B and B Wrecking, Inc. (contract compliance number: 743060207, expiration 11/28/2013) were three of five companies who responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-004485) and selected by an Evaluation Committee as the best proposals, they were also the lowest bids; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Development desires to enter into an agreements with all three vendors for demolition and asbestos abatement services for a total of up to \$900,000 or \$300,000 each; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into the contracts in order to complete the work within the timeframe for which the cost estimates were given and demolish the structures as soon as possible, all for the immediate 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 the Department of Development is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the following companies to perform demolition and asbestos abatement services:

Watson General Contracting (cc# 311429409, expiration 3/10/2013), \$300,000

B and B Wrecking, Inc. (cc# 743060207, expiration 11/28/2013), \$300,000

Ransom Company (cc# 269401266, expiration: 1/9/2014, MBE), \$300,000

**Section 2.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$900,000.00 from the Development Department, Division No. 44-10, Fund 782, Housing Preservation Fund, Project No. 782004-100000 Vacant Housing Demolition, OCA Code 782004, Object Level Three 6635 is hereby authorized.

**Section 3.** That these contracts are awarded pursuant to Section 329.14 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as amended.

**Section 4** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modification associated with the expenditure of the funds in Section 2 above.

**Section 5** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after its passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.