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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with The EDGE Group, Inc. (contract compliance #208054208, expiration date of 11/30/13) to prepare the West Franklinton Plan. The consultant was recommended to the Director of Development by a review committee representing the Economic Development, Housing and Planning divisions of the Development Department, Department of Public Service and Department of Public Utilities.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced the planning process for West Franklinton at the 2013 State of the City address. This planning process will produce a plan to guide redevelopment and revitalization of West Franklinton to stabilize and expand housing opportunities, provide stronger linkages between Mount Carmel West and the neighborhood, revitalize the West Broad Street corridor, and grow the Harmon Avenue business district. It builds upon city initiatives that are already underway or that have been completed in the neighborhood. It is also intended to harness current proposed projects, as well as future investments.

Emergency action is requested to immediately begin the West Franklinton planning process.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$297,000 for this contract is available within the General Fund.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with The EDGE Group, Inc. to undertake and prepare the West Franklinton Plan; to authorize the expenditure of \$297,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$297,000.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Coleman announced the West Franklinton Redevelopment Initiative at the 2013 State of the City address; and

WHEREAS, a review committee representing the Economic Development, Housing and Planning divisions of the Development Department, Department of Public Service and Department of Public Utilities reviewed the consultant proposals and prepared a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was posted and circulated per code, four proposals were submitted and three teams were interviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development has selected The EDGE Group, Inc. to undertake and prepare the West Franklinton Plan; and

WHEREAS, the process and its final plan, which will serve as an addendum to the Franklinton Plan (2003), will provide a consensus-based vision for guiding redevelopment and revitalization in West Franklinton; and

WHEREAS, emergency action is necessary to allow the Director of Development to enter into contract with The EDGE Group, Inc. in order to begin the West Franklinton planning process immediately; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with The EDGE Group, Inc., all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property,

safety and welfare; and **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 contract with The EDGE Group, Inc. (contract compliance #208054208, expiration date of 11/30/13) to undertake and prepare the West Franklinton Plan.

Section 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$297,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized to be expended from the Department of Development, Planning Division, Division 44-06, General Fund, Fund 010, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440334.

Section 3. 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 4. That this contract is awarded in accordance with Chapter 329.12 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

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 passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.