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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 R3, Inc. (contract compliance number: 113746960, expiration 5/16/2014, AFA) and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC (contract compliance number: 261342009 expiration: 6/1/2014, FBE) to provide asbestos testing services under the program and authorize the expenditure of \$85,000. The companies responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP), SA-00482, and were selected by an evaluation committee as the companies with the best proposals. A total of four companies responded, three of which met the minimum qualifications.

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

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

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To authorize the Director of Development to enter into a contracts with R3, Inc. and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC to provide asbestos testing services as part of the Vacant and Abandon Properties Initiative; to authorize the expenditure of \$87,000 from the Housing Preservation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$87,000.00)

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, R3, Inc. (contract compliance number: 113746960, expiration 5/16/2014, AFA) and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC (contract compliance number: 261342009 expiration: 6/1/2014, FBE) were two of four companies who responded to a Request for Proposals (SA-00482) and selected by an Evaluation Committee as the best proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Development desires to enter into an agreements with each vendors for asbestos testing services for a total of up to \$87,000; 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 and demolish structures that are an immediate danger to the public, 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:

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- **Section 1.** That the Director of Development is authorized to enter into contracts with R3, Inc. (contract compliance number: 113746960, expiration 5/16/2014, AFA) and Hina Environmental Solutions, LLC (contract compliance number: 261342009 expiration: 6/1/2014, FBE) to provide asbestos testing services.
- **Section 2.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$87,000.00 from the Development Department, Division No. 44-10, Fund 782 Housing Preservation, 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.