



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Power and Water is an active subscription participant in the American Water Works Association Research Foundation. This subscription gives access to a global network of experts and early information about utility-based research, saving substantial costs in treatment, distribution, monitoring, resources, and management by applying the Foundation research findings. All subscribers are members of the AWWA Research Foundation and share in the responsibility of establishing an Independent Water Industry Research Program. For these reasons, the Division of Power and Water would like to participate in the AWWA Research Foundation based on sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code. The Federal Identification Number for the AWWA Research Foundation is 13-6211384.

AWWA Research Foundation is a non-profit organization and does not require a contract compliance number.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$80,621.00 is needed and budgeted to pay this subscription.

\$ 80,620.80 was expended for this purpose during 2009.

\$ 88,966.00 was expended for this purpose during 2008.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish an encumbrance for a subscription to the AWWA Research Foundation program, in accordance with the sole source provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to authorize the expenditure of \$80,621.00 from Water Systems Operating Fund. (\$80,621.00)

WHEREAS, the primary function of the American Water Works Association Research Foundation is to address operational problems of utilities, using expertise of utilities, universities, consultants, etc., in order to find more advanced and cost effective solutions to perennial concerns, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Power and Water, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to establish an encumbrance for a subscription to the Water Research Foundation program for 2010, in order to receive the benefit of an independent water industry research effort, 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 establish an encumbrance with AWWA Research Foundation, in accordance with the sole source provisions of Section 329.07(f1) of the Columbus City Code, for the Division of Power and Water, Department of Public Utilities.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$80,621.00 or as much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from Water Works Fund 600, Department 60-09, OCA Code 601849, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3332, to pay the cost thereof.

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

