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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Franklin County Municipal Court entered into a contract with Asist, Inc. effective December 1, 2006, to provide language interpreter services to the Court through May 31, 2007 under the authority of ordinance number 1914-2006 passed by City Council on November 20, 2006. The Court has determined, for continuity of service that it is in its best interest to modify its contract with Asist, Inc. for foreign language translation services.

This legislation authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to modify the contract with Asist Translation Services. The service has been bid out however the court needs more time to evaluate all the bids.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER: Asist Translation Services 363249287

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this contract are budgeted and available within the Municipal Court 2009 general fund appropriations. Thus far during 2009, the Court has expended \$76,266.94. During 2008, the Court expended \$105,679.83 with Asist. During 2007, the Court expended \$100,086.50 with Asist. During 2006, the Court expended \$81,742.25.

EMERGENCY: This ordinance is submitted as an emergency to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the city's accounting system as soon as possible. Up-to-date financial posting promotes accurate accounting and financial management.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to modify the contract with Asist, Inc. for language interpreter services for the Franklin County Municipal Court; to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$30,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Franklin County Municipal Court provide foreign language interpreter services for non-English speaking persons that may come before the Court; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the contract with Asist, Inc., the Court's current vendor, to provide translation services so that the Court may continue to provide language interpreter services without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to modify and extend the contract and authorize the expenditure with Asist, Inc. for provision of foreign language interpreter services, thereby preserving 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 Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to modify and extend the contract with Asist, Inc. for foreign language interpreter services to the Franklin County Municipal Court for the period ending March 31, 2010.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$30,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court, department number 2501, general fund, fund number 010, oca 250191, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3445.

Section 3. 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 its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.