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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Police on behalf of the FY2010 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) was awarded a grant for the acquisition of a Slaved Searchlight System, SLASS® for the helicopter unit. This equipment is attached to the Night Sun (Spotlight) to synchronize the FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) system with the spotlight. When used in conjunction with the FLIR, this equipment will cause the spotlight to automatically point and follow in the same direction as the FLIR, rather than the spotlight being manually operated separately from the FLIR. Having this capability will enhance the detection capabilities and provide safety for the ground officers on the scene. Total cost to purchase a new Searchlight System is \$51,000.00.

Bid Information: Since the SLASS® is a proprietary development of Universal Searchlights, LLC and is compatible with the cables and electronic boxes currently installed on the Police helicopters, this purchase shall be awarded in accordance with provisions of Section 329.07© (Sole Source) of the Columbus City Code, 1959.

This company is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested to expedite the process of this purchase in order to meet the deadlines of the grant award.

Contract Compliance #208896635 expires on 11/26/2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: The grant award from the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security & Justice allows for this purchase and will be paid by Franklin County.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of a Searchlight System, SLASS®, in accordance with sole source procurement for the Division of Police from Universal Searchlights, LLC Systems, Inc. utilizing a Homeland Security Grant; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Division of Police was awarded a grant from the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs; and

WHEREAS, this searchlight system will enhance better detection and safer flying for the Police Heliport Unit; and

WHEREAS, Universal Searchlights, LLC is the sole source provider from whom to purchase this type of system; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Police is requesting the Finance and Management Director to execute the necessary documents for the acquisition of this system utilizing the Homeland Security Grant; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Safety Department, Division of Police, in that it is immediately necessary to purchase a Searchlight System SLASS® for use by the Police Helicopter unit, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those document necessary for the acquisition of a Slaved Searchlight System, SLASS® utilizing the Homeland Security Grant for the Division of Police.

SECTION 2. That said agreement shall be awarded in accordance with provisions of Section 329.07© (Sole Source) of the Columbus City Code, 1959.

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.