



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases on an as needed basis by various Divisions of the City of Columbus. These Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases are necessary to maintain the operations of various City Divisions to meet regulatory standards and requirements. The term of the proposed option contract would be through November 30, 2012 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year subject to mutual agreement of both parties. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on April 7, 2011.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with Section 329.06 (Solicitation No. SA003883.) Thirty Eight (38) bids were solicited: Two (2) bids were received. The Purchasing Office is recommending award to the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder as follows:

Airgas Great Lakes, Inc. CC#382518089 (expires 8-23-2012)

Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$15,000.00.

This 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.

This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency because, without emergency action, no less than 37 days will be added to this procurement cycle and the efficient delivery of valuable public services will be slowed. The current contract expires on 5-31-2011 and the compliance with regulatory standards and requirements may otherwise be affected.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding to establish this option contract is budgeted in the Mail, Print Services and UTC Fund. The various Divisions will be required to obtain approval to expend from their own appropriations for their estimated annual expenditures.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract with Airgas Great Lakes, Inc for the option to purchase Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases on an as needed basis, to authorize the expenditure of one dollar to establish the contracts from the Mail, Print Services and UTC Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on March 16, 2011 and opened responses on April 7, 2011 and selected the lowest responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance addresses Purchasing objectives of 1) maximizing the use of City resources by obtaining optimal products/services at low prices and 2) encouraging economic development by improving access to City bid opportunities and 3) providing effective option contracts for City agencies to efficiently maintain their supply chain and service to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, these Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases are necessary to maintain the operations of various City Divisions to meet regulatory standards and requirements, this is being submitted for consideration as an emergency measure; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various City Divisions in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases on an as needed basis to maintain compliance with regulatory standards and requirements, 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 Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized to enter into the following contract for the option to purchase Calibration and EPA Protocol Gases on an as needed basis in accordance with Solicitation No. SA003883 for the term

ending November 30, 2012 with the option to extend for One (1) additional year subject to mutual agreement of both parties as follows:

Airgas Great Lakes, Inc Groups 1 and 2 All Items: Amount \$1.00

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from the Mail, Print Services and UTC Fund, Organization Level 1: 45-01, Fund: 05-517, Object Level 3: 2270, OCA: 451130, to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 3. That for the reason 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.