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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: Columbus City Council by Ordinance 1096-2011, passed July 18, 2011, authorized the City of Columbus to enter into a Columbus Downtown Office Incentive Agreement (Agreement) with Turner Construction Company for a fifty percent (50%) tax incentive for a period of five (5) years in consideration of the company's \$1,250,000 investment at 262 Hanover Street and the relocation of 36 new full-time permanent positions, which were new to Columbus. The Agreement was made and entered into to be effective October 4, 2011.

This legislation seeks to authorize amendment of the Agreement to amend the start and end dates of the project from January 1, 2012 through January 1, 2017 to reflect January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The company experienced delays in moving the project forward by June 1, 2012, and moving jobs to the site, and has therefore requested the amendment to the start and end dates.

This legislation is presented as an emergency measure in order for this amendment to be legislated prior to the end of 2012 so that this amendment to the Agreement can take effect and be in full force prior to January 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required for this legislation.

To amend the Columbus Downtown Office Agreement with Turner Construction Company, passed by Columbus City Council on July 18, 2011, for the purpose of changing the project start date and end dates of the agreement to reflect January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 122.17, the State of Ohio is authorized to establish the Tax Credit Authority and to execute agreements with taxpayers of the State of Ohio for the purpose of granting these tax payers job creation tax credits against their corporate franchise tax or income tax, which tax credits are provided to create new jobs in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 718.15 of the Ohio Revised Code (the "City Act") a municipal corporation is authorized to grant local income tax credits to taxpayers who have received tax credits from the State; and

WHEREAS, contingent on the City granting an amendment to the agreement related to Ordinance 1096-2011, Turner Construction Company will relocate its Central Ohio office to the Columbus Downtown Business District; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project, Turner Construction Company plans to invest \$1,250,000 and relocate 36 full-time permanent employees at the project site; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2011, Columbus City Council passed Ordinance 1096-2011 approving a five (5) year, fifty percent (50%) Columbus Downtown Office Incentive for Turner Construction Company in connection with the project; and

WHEREAS, Turner Construction Company now seeks to amend the start and end dates of its Columbus Downtown Office Incentive; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Columbus Department of Development in that it is

immediately necessary to seek an amendment from Columbus City Council for this agreement prior to the end of 2012, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property and safety; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to amend the Turner Construction Company Columbus Downtown Office Incentive Agreement to reflect a new project start date of January 1, 2013 and end date of December 31, 2017.

Section 2. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, the 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 the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.