



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director to enter into contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. and to authorize the expenditure of \$58,000 from the Municipal Court Judges indigent driver alcohol treatment fund for purchase of 40 secure continuous remote alcohol monitor (SCRAM) devices and \$15,000 for related monitoring services. The SCRAM unit is a non-invasive, tamper-resistant, transdermal monitoring device that measures blood alcohol concentration automatically, 24 hours a day, regardless of the individual's location. Alcohol Monitoring Systems holds many patents on the continuous alcohol monitoring device.

In June of 2004, the Court purchased units from Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. The Court has determined that it is in its best interest to have consistency of devices and requests that the provisions of competitive bidding be waived in order to procure the units and associated services from Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.

Alcohol Monitoring System's contract compliance number is 300137963.

FISCAL IMPACT: Ordinance number 1432-2005 passed by City Council on September 15, 2005 appropriated funds from the indigent driver alcohol treatment fund for this purpose.

The Court has exhausted its supply and has an immediate need for additional units. Emergency legislation is requested to allow for the timely acquisition of the SCRAM units so that they may be put into service as quickly as possible.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to enter into contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.; to authorize the Finance and Management Director to establish a purchase order with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. for the purchase of continuous alcohol monitoring devices and related monitoring services; to waive competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code; to authorize the expenditure of \$73,000 from the indigent driver alcohol treatment fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$73,000.00)

WHEREAS, ordinance number 1432-2005 was passed by Columbus City Council on September 15, 2005 authorizing appropriations for acquisition of continuous alcohol monitoring devices for the Franklin County Municipal Court, Department of Probation Services; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Municipal Court is in need of additional monitoring devices and related services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the city to waive competitive bidding and procure the needed monitoring devices and related services from Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is requested as an emergency to permit the timely procurement of needed goods and services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the city, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract and issue a purchase order for continuous alcohol monitoring equipment and services with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. 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 Director of the Department of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. for the purchase of continuous alcohol monitoring equipment and related services for the period ending November 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order with Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. for the purchase of continuous alcohol monitoring equipment and related services.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$73,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court Judges, department number 2501, indigent driver alcohol treatment fund, fund number 225, subfund 001 as follows: \$58,000 from oca 250266, object level 1 - 02, object level 3 - 2290; \$12,000 from oca 250266, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336; \$3,000 from oca 250213, object level 1 - 03, object level 3 - 3336.

SECTION 4. That in accordance with 329.27 of the Columbus City Code, this Council finds the best interest of the city is served by waiving, and does hereby waive Section 329.06 (Competitive Sealed Bidding) of the Columbus City Code.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.