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Legislation Text

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The Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage has a need for a Sewer Root Control program to kill root growth in sanitary sewer lines 8” to 36” in diameter and inhibit root re-growth. The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has determined that the chemical diquat dibromide is the most effective at treating roots in sewers. It is approved by the United States EPA for this use and classified as non-carcinogenic and not considered a volatile compound. Further, diquat dibromide has little or no effect on treatment plant processes, therefore, making this chemical preferred for use in the Division’s Root Control program. The Division has further determined that other chemicals are not acceptable for use in this program as being either non-effective or containing metam sodium which has been classified by the US EPA as a likely carcinogen.

Duke’s Root Control, Inc. is the only contractor licensed and registered to apply diquat dibromide otherwise known as Razorooter II, and that Razorooter II is a patented technology. Duke’s Root Control, Inc. has been identified by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage as the only commercial applicator licensed by the manufacturer to apply Razorooter II and registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Duke’s Root Control, Inc. has the capacity and capability to perform this program. This ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 for Sole Source procurement.

The Division of Sewerage and Drainage wishes to enter into a service agreement for a period of one (1) year to and including December 31, 2016.

SUPPLIER: Duke’s Root Control, Inc., (75-3026801), expires December 24, 2016.
Duke’s Root Control, Inc. does not hold MBE/FBE status.

The 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has allocated \$340,000.00 for sewer line root control program services in the 2016 budget. **This ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2016 Operating Budget, Ordinance 2888-2016.**

\$264,015.10 was spent in 2015
\$317,023.60 was spent in 2014

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Duke’s Root Control, Inc. for Sewer Root Control Services in accordance with Sole Source provisions of the Columbus City Code for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and to authorize the expenditure of \$340,000.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$340,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Sewer Maintenance Operations has a need for a Sewer Root Control program to kill root growth in sewer lines and inhibit root re-growth, and

WHEREAS, Duke’s Root Control, Inc. provides the Division with these services, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage has determined that the chemical diquat dibromide is the most effective at treating roots in sewers. It is approved for use by the United States EPA for this use and classified as non-carcinogenic and not considered a volatile compound. Further, diquat dibromide has little or no effect on treatment plant processes, therefore, making this chemical preferred for use in the Division's Root Control program, and

WHEREAS, the Division has further determined that other chemicals are not acceptable for use in this program being either non-effective or containing metam sodium which has been classified by the US EPA as a likely carcinogen, and

WHEREAS, Duke's Root Control, Inc. is the only contractor licensed and registered to apply diquat dibromide otherwise known as Razorooter II and that Razorooter II is a patented technology, and

WHEREAS, Duke's Root Control, Inc. has been identified by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage as the only commercial applicator licensed by the manufacturer to apply Razorooter II and registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Duke's Root Control, Inc. has the capacity and capability to perform this program, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 for Sole Source procurement, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to authorize the Director to enter into a service agreement for a period of one (1) year to and including December 31, 2016; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to enter into a service agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc., 1020 Hiawatha Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13204-1131, for Sewer Root Control Services, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Columbus City Code Chapter 329 for Sole Source procurement, for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$340,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100 Sewerage System Operating Fund in object class 03Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.