



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Safety, Division of Police requests the establishment of a contract for the purchase of replacement taser cartridges and taser training cartridges. The taser manufactured by Taser International Inc., is the only taser acceptable to the Division of Police due to its efficiency observed in street use, training received by the officers and the certification and re-certification required for all police officers. The Division of Police negotiated with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for this contract under the provision of sole source procurement. There is only one supplier in the Ohio area authorized to sell tasers, cartridges, warranty and accessories. Taser International has stated that the only authorized dealer is Vance's Outdoors Inc. There is also a need to appropriate \$95,285.00 in the Division's Law Enforcement Seizure Funds for the purchase of these taser cartridges.

The Division of Police is requesting that the Director of Finance and Management enter into contract for the purchase of replacement taser cartridges in the amount of \$95,285.00 from Vance's Outdoors Inc. based upon the provisions of sole source procurement.

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 replenish current taser training cartridges as soon as possible.

Contract Compliance Number: 54-2072038, expires 02/08/2014

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an appropriation and expenditure of \$95,285.00 from the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure fund for the purchase of replacement taser supplies from Vance Outdoors Inc. The Division of Police spent \$98,528.85 for taser supplies in 2010 and \$108,145.70 in 2011. Since this expenditure is from the Drug Seizure Fund, there is no financial impact on the General Fund.

To authorize an appropriation in the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Fund, to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract for the purchase of replacement taser cartridges with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for the Division of Police in accordance with the provisions of sole source procurement, to authorize the expenditure of \$95,285.00 from the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$95,285.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police negotiated a bid price in accordance with sole source provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and

WHEREAS, Vance's Outdoors Inc. is the only authorized dealer in Ohio for Taser International; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate funds within the Law Enforcement Drug Seizure Fund and to enter into this contract in accordance to Section 329.07e (Sole Source) of the Columbus City Codes; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the purchase of replacement taser cartridges to maintain the supply, 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 Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract for the option to purchase replacement taser cartridges in accordance with the negotiated pricing of all items specified in the amount of \$95,285.00.

SECTION 2. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to appropriate \$95,285.00 within the unallocated balance of the Law Enforcement Seizure Funds as follows:

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SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$95,285.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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SECTION 4. That Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to procure these items in accordance with Section 329.07e (Sole Source) of the Columbus City Codes.

SECTION 5. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from the after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.