



Legislation Text

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This ordinance will establish an Auditor's Certificate and authorize blanket purchase orders for the purchase of needed water treatment chemicals from established and pending Universal Term Contracts. The Department of Finance and Management will establish all contracts and awards in accordance with Columbus City Code 329. The Department of Finance and Management/Purchasing Office will introduce legislation for Columbus City Council approval to establish the Universal Term Contracts.

This legislation is being processed to establish an Auditor's Certificate for the required funding to enter into the blanket purchase orders with the the awarded vendors on an as-needed basis. All water treatment chemical universal term contracts will be established through the Department of Finance and Management/Purchasing Office and all blanket purchase orders must be approved by the Director of Finance and Management. The funding established on this ordinance cannot be used for any other purposes.

Emergency Action is necessary so that blanket purchase orders can be issued as soon as possible. Without this emergency designation, it is estimated that new funding could not be established until May 9, 2013. Soda Ash, Zinc Orthophosphate, Powdered Activated Carbon, Potassium Permanganate, and Aluminum Sulfate contracts expire on March 31, 2013.

Universal Term Contracts

Aluminum Sulfate
Carbon Dioxide
Hydrofluosilicic Acid
Liquid Caustic Soda
Liquid Chlorine
Powdered Activated Carbon
Potassium Permanganate
Quicklime
Soda Ash
Sodium Hypochlorite
Zinc Orthophosphate

Fiscal Impact:

\$17,500,000.00 is required and budgeted in the Water Operating Fund to meet the financial obligations of these various expenditures.

\$16,223,131.98 was spent in 2012

\$14,965,624.05 was spent in 2011

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To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders for the purchase of water treatment chemicals for the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water; to authorize the expenditure of \$17,500,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund; to establish an Auditor's Certificate in the amount of \$17,500,000.00 for the expenditures listed within this legislation; and to declare an emergency. (\$17,500,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office has current and pending universal term contracts to acquire various water treatment

chemicals for the Division of Water; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for these expenditures from the Water Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water, in that it is immediately necessary to establish blanket purchase orders for water treatment chemicals, 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 Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized to establish blanket purchase orders for water treatment chemicals as listed within this legislation on behalf of the Division of Water.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$17,500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended as follows:

Water Systems Operating Fund 600
OCA Code 602417
Object Level Three 2204
Amount: \$8,800,000.00

Water Systems Operating Fund 600
OCA Code 602474
Object Level Three 2204
Amount: \$6,400,000.00

Water Systems Operating Fund 600
OCA Code 602532
Object Level Three 2204
Amount: \$2,300,000.00

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 Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific vendors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders from current and pending water treatment chemical Universal Term Contracts.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons 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 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.