



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to establish a Universal Term Contract (UTC) for the option to purchase Hydrofluosilicic Acid with Univar Solutions USA, Inc. dba Univar Solutions USA ("Univar Solutions USA"). The Division of Water is the sole user for Hydrofluosilicic Acid. It is used as a fluoridation agent with potable water at three City of Columbus Water Plants. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately three (3) years, expiring 3/31/2027, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on January 25, 2024. In addition, the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002253.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 329 relating to competitive bidding (Request for Quotation No. RFQ026460). Three (3) bids were received.

The Purchasing Office is recommending award to the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder as follows:

Univar Solutions USA, CC# 010753 expires 1/29/26, All Items, \$1.00
Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$478,000, Division of Water, the sole user

Emergency Designation: The Finance and Management Department respectfully requests this legislation be considered an emergency ordinance in order to ensure the continued reliable supply of these materials required to provide drinking water to the Columbus service area, as the current contract will expire 3/31/24.

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 expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002253. City Agencies will be required to obtain approval to expend from their own appropriations for their estimated annual expenditures.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Finance and Management to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Hydrofluosilicic Acid with Univar Solutions USA, Inc.; to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00).

WHEREAS, the Hydrofluosilicic Acid UTC will provide for the purchase of a treatment chemical used as a fluoridation agent for potable water at three City of Columbus Water Plants; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on January 25, 2024 and selected the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities that in order to ensure a reliable supply of materials necessary to provide drinking water to the Columbus service area it is necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to immediately enter into a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Hydrofluosilicic Acid, for the immediate preservation of 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 Finance and Management is hereby authorized to enter into the following contract for the option to purchase Hydrofluosilicic Acid in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ026460 for a term of approximately three (3) years, expiring March 31, 2027, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, as follows:

Univar Solutions USA, Inc. dba Univar Solutions USA, All Items, \$1.00

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002253 of this ordinance to pay the cost thereof.

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 for the reason 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.