



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to modify and renew the indefinite quantity contracts for Project Dry Basement with TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks and J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor.

The Project Dry Basement: Backwater Valve Installation and/or Sump Pump program consists of installing backwater valves and sump pumps and other such work as maybe necessary to prevent sewer backups in single and two-family homes in Columbus due to surcharging in city sewers from heavy rain or sewer blockages by protecting the home up to the top of casting of the nearest upstream manhole with a Spears or pre-approved backwater valve, which allows use of plumbing fixtures above that elevation in the remainder of the home. Only homes deemed eligible by the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage qualify for this program. Under this program an eligible home with an interior perimeter foundation drain connection to the lateral is also eligible, at the owner's option, for the installation of a sump pump that will redirect the foundation drainage away from the sanitary lateral to the sump pump and then discharge that drainage away from the house.

The Department of Public Utilities advertised formal bids on Vendor Services and solicited formal bids on Bonfire (RFQ018044). Two bids were received and publicly opened on March 31, 2021. It was the intention of the Department of Public Utilities to award multiple contracts to complete as many projects as possible.

After a review of the bids, TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks and J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor, it was determined that both bidders met the specifications and each were awarded indefinite quantity contracts (PA005205 & PA005206) in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ018044 and authorized under Ordinance Number 0409-2021. Renewal #1 authorized by Ordinance #0107-2022 to extend the contracts through March 31, 2023. The contract contains multi-year renewal options.

This legislation seeks to renew the contracts for an additional year and to modify to add funding through the end of the contract. This Ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code pertaining to contract modifications and renewals.

### **SUPPLIERS:**

TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks, vendor #004777, CC#31-1162504, expires 4/07/23, MAJ

J & D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor, vendor #028672, CC#31-1225499, expires 6/29/24, MAJ

The companies are 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.

1. Amount of additional funds: Total amount of additional funds needed for this contract modification is to ADD \$250,000.00. Total contract amount including this renewal is \$2,150,000.00.
2. Reasons additional funds were not foreseen: The need for additional funds were known at the time of the initial contract. This funding increase is to provide the additional funding necessary for the payment of services to be provided through March 31, 2024.
3. Reason other procurement processes were not used: Work under this renewal is a continuation of services included in the scope of the original bid contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are

anticipated at this time.

4. How cost was determined: The cost, terms and conditions are in accordance with the original agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$250,000.00 is needed for this service. **This ordinance is contingent on the passage of the 2023 Operating Budget, Ordinance 2937-2022.**

\$545,862.88 was spent in 2021

\$618,499.41 was spent in 2020

\$133,599.29 was spent in 2019

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to renew and modify the indefinite quantity contracts with TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks, and J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor, for Project Dry Basement; and to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Sewerage Operating Fund. (\$250,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities entered into indefinite quantity contracts for Project Dry Basement in accordance with Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code, pursuant to solicitation, RFQ018044, with TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks, and J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract language allowed for a one year contract with the option to renew the agreement for two additional years based upon mutual agreement, availability of budgeted funds, and approval by City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to renew and modify the indefinite quantity contracts for Project Dry Basement; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has agreed to modify and increase the contracts at current prices and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to renew and modify the indefinite quantity contracts with TFH-EB, Inc. dba The Waterworks and J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor for Project Dry Basement; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to modify and increase Indefinite Quantity Agreements PA005205 with THB, Inc. dba The Waterworks and PA005206 with J&D Home Improvement Inc. dba The Basement Doctor for Project Dry Basement for the Department of Public Utilities in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file. Total amount of this renewal is to ADD \$250,000.00. Total contract amount including this renewal is \$2,150,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$250,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100 (Sewerage Operating). \$142,000.00 in object class 02 Materials and Supplies and \$108,000.00 in object class 03 Services 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.