



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** A consortium lead by the City of Columbus was awarded \$23,200,773 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-005) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds will provide for the acquisition, rehabilitation, redevelopment or demolition of foreclosed, abandoned and vacant properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of housing values.

Ordinance 0800-2010 appropriated a total of \$1,500,000 for demolition services under NSP 2. Ordinances 0129-2011 and 01575-2010 authorized the Director of Development to enter into contracts with demolition and asbestos testing companies to provide asbestos remediation and demolition services under the program and expend up to \$1,065,000. This legislation will increase and extend contracts and authorize the expenditure of up to \$365,886 with these companies:

R3, Inc. Contract Compliance #113746960 (Expires 11/30/2011)

Watson General Contracting, LLC, Contract Compliance #311429409 (Expires 3/10/2013)

Ransom Company, Contract Compliance #269401266 (Expires 2/26/2012)

**EMERGENCY JUSTIFICATION:** Emergency action is requested in order to comply with expenditure deadlines under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding is available from a \$23,200,773 Neighborhood Stabilization Program-2 (NSP2) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to increase contracts with R3, Inc., Watson General Contracting, LLC, and Ransom Company for the provision of asbestos hazard evaluation services, asbestos abatement services, and demolition services on vacant structures within the NSP 2 project boundaries; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$365,886.00 from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$365,886.00)

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbus was awarded \$23,200,773.00 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) grant funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's NSP application specified the expenditure of funds to demolish properties that meet the program's requirements as established in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** ordinance 0800-2010 appropriated a total of \$1,500,000 for demolition services under NSP 2; and

**WHEREAS,** ordinance 0129-2011 authorized the Director of Development to enter into contracts with Watson General Contracting, LLC and Ransom Company, and expend up to \$1,000,000.00 from the General Grant Fund. The contractors were selected from a pool of six companies that responded to the Invitation to Bid (2010- SA-003229); and

**WHEREAS,** ordinance 01575-2010 authorized the Director of Development to enter into a contract with R3, Inc., and expend \$65,000 from the General Grant Fund. The contractor was the only bidder to the Invitation to Bid (2010- SA-

003742); and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to increase and extend said contracts to comply with expenditure deadlines established by the program and to remove vacant structures, all for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

**Section 1.** That the Director of the Department of Development is hereby authorized to increase and extend the contracts with R3, Inc., Watson General Contracting, LLC and Ransom Company to complete asbestos hazard evaluation services, and to abate asbestos, and demolish blighted structures as follows:

**R3, Inc. increase of \$35,886**  
**Total Contract Amount \$100,886.00**

**Watson General Contracting increase of \$190,000.00**  
**Total Contract Amount \$840,000.00**

**Ransom Company increase of \$140,000.00**  
**Total Contract Amount \$490,000.00**

**Section 2.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of \$365,886.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, the Department of Development, General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant Number 451036, Division No. 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3292, OCA Code 441058 for the aforesaid purpose is hereby authorized.

**Section 3.** That these contract modifications are awarded in accordance with Chapter 329.16 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959.

**Section 4.** 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.