



# City of Columbus

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## 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 Pole Line Hardware with Wesco Distribution, Inc. The Division of Power is the sole user of Pole Line Hardware, to be used in the electric distribution system. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately three (3) years, expiring May 31, 2025, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. In addition, the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code 329 relating to competitive bidding, (Request for Quotation No. RFQ021208). The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on March 31, 2022. One bid was received. It should be noted that the vendor took exception to some provisions of the price escalator clause contained within the bid document. These exceptions have been reviewed and are acceptable, however it is necessary to waive the provisions of Columbus City Codes Chapter 329 relating to competitive bidding.

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

Wesco Distribution, Inc., CC# 001977 expires 4/15/2023, Award for the following manufacturers: Aluma-Form, Chance/Hubbell, Hastings, MacLean and Preformed, \$1.00

Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$400,000, Division of Power, sole user.

**Emergency Designation:** The Finance and Management Department respectfully requests this legislation be considered an emergency ordinance to insure a supply of these parts vital to electricity distribution.

This company is not debarred according to the Excluded Parties listing of the Federal Government and are not listed in the Auditor of States database for Findings for Recovery.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025. City Agencies will be required to obtain approval to expend from their own appropriations for their estimated annual expenditures.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Pole Line Hardware with Wesco Distribution, Inc.; to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00 from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025; to waive the provisions of competitive bidding; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Pole Line Hardware UTC will provide for the purchase of items needed for the distribution of electricity in the City of Columbus service area; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on March 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** the vendor took exception to some provisions of the price escalator clause contained within the bid

document. These exceptions have been reviewed and are acceptable, however it is necessary to waive the provisions of Columbus City Codes Chapter 329 relating to competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Public Utilities, to insure a continued supply for hardware necessary for the distribution of electricity, in that it is necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to immediately enter into a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Pole Line Hardware, 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 Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized to enter into the following contract for the option to purchase Pole Line Hardware in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ021208 for a term of approximately three (3) years, expiring May 31, 2025, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, as follows:

Wesco Distribution, Inc., Manufacturers Aluma-Form, Chance/Hubbell, Hastings, MacLean and Preformed, \$1.00

**SECTION 2.** This Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the relevant provisions of Columbus City Codes Section 329 to permit the aforementioned purchase.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025 of this ordinance to pay the cost thereof.

**SECTION 4.** 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 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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.