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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to apply for and accept \$920,951.00 in grant assistance from the Roadwork Development (629) Account of the Ohio Development Services Agency, contingent on State Controlling Board approval, for improvements to a public roadway on Easton Square Place, Columbus, OH 43219 to benefit the expansion of operations by ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc., and to appropriate and expend the monies within the General Government Grant Fund.

The roadwork grant, and this associated request for authorization to apply for and accept the grant, are part and parcel of an incentive package to allow ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. to expand its Columbus operation. ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. will invest approximately \$80.5 million related to improving and expanding its facility. A total of 1,300 full-time permanent positions will be retained and 700 new full-time permanent positions will be created within three years.

A letter dated April 17, 2014 from the Ohio Development Services Agency and JobsOhio, extended an amount up to \$920,951.00 in public roadwork development grant assistance to the City of Columbus in support of the proposed investment by ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. The Director of the Department of Development responded by a letter dated August 27, 2014 accepting the offer of assistance.

Total infrastructure costs to accommodate the expansion of the facility are estimated to be approximately \$6.93 million and will be shared by the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus.

This legislation is submitted as an emergency in order to meet the state roadwork grant application deadline and to make use of the state grants as soon as possible after State Controlling Board approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no cost to apply for and accept the state roadwork development grant. If successful, the City will receive an amount up to \$920,951.00 to apply towards public roadway improvements on Easton Square Place between Stelzer Road and Morse Crossing. This ordinance contains an appropriation within the General Government Grant Fund and authorizes expenditure for this purpose.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Development to apply for and accept an amount up to \$920,951.00 in grant assistance from the Ohio Development Services Agency for public roadway improvements on Easton Square Place between Stelzer Road and Morse Crossing to benefit the expansion of operations by ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc.; to authorize the appropriation of these monies within the General Government Grant Fund; to authorize the expenditure of \$920,951.00 or so much as may be necessary from the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$920,951.00)

WHEREAS, ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. desires to improve and expand their facility located at 3100 Easton Square Place, Columbus, OH 43219; and

WHEREAS, ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. will invest approximately \$80.5 million related to improving and expanding its facility, retain 1,300 full-time permanent positions, and create 700 new full-time permanent positions with an annual payroll of approximately \$52.5 million; and

WHEREAS, the total infrastructure improvements on Easton Square Place to accommodate the expansion of the ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. facilities are estimated to be approximately \$6.93 million; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Development was invited to apply for, and subsequently accepted, an amount up to \$920,951.00 in grant assistance from the Roadwork Development (629) Account of the Ohio Development Services Agency to facilitate improvements to a public roadway on Easton Square Place between Stelzer Road and Morse Crossing to benefit the expansion of operations by ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Development to apply for and accept a grant in order to meet the state roadwork grant application deadline, all for the preservation of 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 the Department of Development is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept an amount up to \$920,951.00 in grant assistance from the Roadwork Development (629) Account of the Ohio Development Services Agency, contingent on State Controlling Board approval, for public roadway improvements on Easton Square Place between Stelzer Road and Morse Crossing to benefit the expansion of operation by ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc.

SECTION 2. That the sum of \$920,951.00 be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated balance of Fund 220, the General Government Grant Fund, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any purpose during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, to the Department of Public Service, Division 59-12, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6631, with OCA and grant codes to be issued by the City Auditor upon award of said grant. **Appropriation effective upon receipt of executed grant agreement.**

SECTION 3. That the monies appropriated in Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of the Department of Public Service and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except as by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of \$920,951.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby authorized from Fund 220, the General Government Grant Fund, Department of Public Service, Division 59-12, Object Level One 06, Object Level Three 6631, with OCA and grant codes to be issued by the City Auditor upon award of said grant.

SECTION 5. 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 6. At the end of the grant period, any repayment of unencumbered balances required by the grantor is hereby authorized and any unused City match monies may be transferred back to the City fund from which they originated in accordance with all applicable grant requirements.

SECTION 7. 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.