



## Legislation Text

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### ..Explanation

**BACKGROUND:** This legislation is for the option to establish a UTC contract for Calcium Thiosulfate for the Division of Water, the sole user. This contract will provide for the purchase of Calcium Thiosulfate to be used as a disinfectant removal agent for potable water at two City of Columbus Water Plants. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately three years, expiring March 31, 2019, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on January 14, 2016.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 329.06 relating to competitive bidding (Solicitation No. SA006130). Seventy-six (76) bids were solicited: (M1A-0, F1-1, MBR-4). Two (2) bids were received. Due to storage limitations the specifications required bidders to be able to deliver within five days of order and the apparent low bidder had a 7-10 day delivery requirement, which rendered their bid non-responsive.

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

Chemrite, Inc., MAJ, CC# 58-1825727 expires 4/23/2017, All Items, \$1.00  
Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$100,000, Division of Water, the sole user

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. This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency because, without emergency action, no less than 37 days will be added to this procurement cycle and the efficient delivery of valuable public services will be slowed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding to establish this option contract is from the General Fund. 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 contract for the option to purchase Calcium Thiosulfate with Chemrite, Inc., to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00 to establish the contract from the General Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00).

**WHEREAS**, the Calcium Thiosulfate UTC will provide for the purchase of water treatment chemicals for use at 2 Water Treatment Plants, used as a disinfectant removal agent of potable water; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on January 14, 2016 and selected the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance addresses Purchasing objective of 1) maximizing the use of City resources by obtaining optimal products/services at low prices and 2) encouraging economic development by improving access to City bid opportunities and 3) providing effective option contracts for City agencies to efficiently maintain their supply chain and service to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain a supply of Calcium Thiosulfate, this is being submitted for consideration as an emergency measure; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management, Purchasing Office, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Calcium Thiosulfate, 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 be and is hereby authorized to enter into the following contract for the option to purchase Calcium Thiosulfate in accordance with Solicitation No. SA006130 for a term of approximately three years, expiring March 31, 2019, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, as follows:

Chemrite, Inc., All Items, \$1.00

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from the General Fund, Organization Level 1: 45-01, Fund 10, OCA: 450047, Object Level 3: 2270 to pay the cost thereof.

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**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.