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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to renew an existing Universal Term Contract (UTC) for the option to purchase Long Distance Communications Services with AT&T. All City agencies are users of Long Distance Communications Services.

The contract was established without soliciting competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 relating to competitive bidding. Although a one year extension was included in the background of 1775-2021. It wasn't authorized in the body of the Ordinance and therefore it being legislated now. In accordance with the contract, the City and AT & T can renew the contract for one additional one year term subject to mutual agreement and approval of proper City Authorities. The new contract expiration date will be August 30, 2022.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: The Finance and Management Department respectfully requests this legislation be considered an emergency measure to insure there is no interruption of goods/services provided.

FISCAL IMPACT: No funding is required to renew the option contract. The City Agencies utilizing the contract must set aside their own funding for their estimated expenditures.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to renew a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Long Distance Communications Services with AT & T, and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office entered into a Universal Term Contract for Long Distance Communications Services for use citywide; and

WHEREAS, this contract was established without soliciting competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the contract, the City and AT & T can renew the contract for an additional one year period, subject to mutual agreement and approval of proper City authorities; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation citywide in that it is necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to immediately renew a Universal Term Contract with AT & T for the option to obtain Long Distance Communications Services to ensure there is no interruption of goods/services provided., 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 renew the UTC contract with AT & T for the option to purchase Long Distance Communications Services for a period of one year, from August 30, 2021 to and including August 30, 2022.

SECTION 2. 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.