



Legislation Text

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To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with W L Bar, LLC for the purchase of Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products, as well as training, for the Fire Division Bomb Squad in accordance with Sole Source Procurement Provisions, and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

BACKGROUND: The Division of Fire has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products and Training for the Bomb Squad. The total cost of the equipment and training will be \$34,635.00, the payment of which will be issued by Franklin County, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement via Ordinance 1691-2006, passed October 18, 2006, to enable this type of purchase and training.

This legislation will authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of this equipment and training.

Bid Information: The Division of Fire applied for and was approved for an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to purchase Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products and Training for the Bomb Squad. The highly specialized and proprietary nature of this equipment and training, and requirements of the grant, are such that Sole Source procurement provisions are being pursued as per Section 329.07 (e) of the Columbus City Code. This proprietary, unique equipment and training is the only training of its kind approved for grant funding by the Department of Homeland Security.

This specialized and proprietary equipment and training is unique and offered only by W L Bar, LLC. All training that is funded through US Homeland Security grants must be approved by the USHS Office of Domestic Preparedness to be eligible for funding. There are no other approved equipment and courses that meet the Fire Division's requirements at this time. This equipment and training is specific for Bomb Squads and is limited due to the sensitive nature and the limited number of bomb squads in the US.

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

Contract Compliance: W L Bar, LLC ~ 432434438 exp. 4/18/2010

Emergency Designation: This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure due to it being imperative that legislative approval occur in a timely fashion to schedule this specialized training as soon as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a purchase order using grant funds. There is no General Fund impact to the City for equipment purchases or training since the grant funds are held by Franklin County.

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire is in need to acquire Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products and Training for the Bomb Squad its operations; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase said equipment and training for it's Bomb Squad, which is solely provided by WL Bar, LLC; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of said training prior to the expiration of the grant period, for the preservation of 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 Director of Finance and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract with W L Bar, LLC for the acquisition of Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products and Training for the Division of Fire's Bomb Squad.

Section 2. There is no expenditure associated with this ordinance.

Section 3. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus that this acquisition be in accordance with the provisions of Section 329.07(e), of the Columbus City Codes to permit the authorization to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract with W L Bar, LLC for the acquisition of Radiological Detection and Bomb Disposal Products and Training for the Division of Fire's Bomb Squad.

Section 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.