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Legislation Text

File #: 1388-2014, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to modify a contract on behalf of the Office of Construction Management with Thomas and Marker Construction Company to fund the scientific instrumentation and equipment for the Police Crime Lab, 770 East Woodrow Avenue. Ordinance No. 1538-2013, passed by City Council on July 18, 2013, authorized the renovation of the Police Crime Lab.

A modification is necessary to provide funding to be used to procure scientific instrumentation and equipment for the analysis of physical evidence from crimes. The instrumentation will be installed in the new laboratory facility and will be essential to expanding the laboratory's capacity to analyze current and future cases. The instrumentation will be used in the areas of controlled substance analysis for the identification of drugs of abuse; firearms analysis for the comparison of bullets and casings to firearms; latent print processing for the identification of latent fingerprints on items of evidence; and forensic biology for the identification of biological materials and DNA analysis.

Emergency action is requested so that needed renovations may be accomplished as quickly as possible to meet the operational needs of the Division of Police.

Thomas and Marker Construction Company Contract Compliance No. 34-4476858, expiration date January 30, 2016.

Fiscal Impact: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$745,505.00 from the Division of Police Safety Voted Bond Fund. There is no impact on the General Fund due to this ordinance. This legislation is contingent upon the City's 2014 bond sale.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to modify a contract on behalf of the Office of Construction Management with Thomas and Marker Construction Company to provide funding for scientific instrumentation and equipment for the Police Crime Lab; to authorize the expenditure of \$745,505.00 from the Safety Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$745,505.00)

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1538-2013, passed July 18, 2013, authorized the renovation of the Police Crime Lab; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify said contract to provide funding for scientific instrumentation and equipment; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management, Office of Construction Management, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to modify a contract with Thomas and Marker Construction Company to provide funding for scientific instrumentation and equipment for the Police Crime Lab, so that needed renovations may be accomplished as quickly as possible to meet the operational needs of the Division of Police, to provide necessary services to City residents, thereby protecting the public health, property, peace, 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 modify a contract on behalf of the

Office of Construction Management with Thomas and Marker Construction Company to provide funding for scientific instrumentation and equipment for the Police Crime Lab.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$745,505.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary in regard to the action authorized in SECTION 1, be and is hereby authorized and approved as follows:

Division: 30-03
Fund: 701
Project: 330033-100000
OCA Code: 701033
Object Level 1: 06
Object Level 3: 6620
Amount: \$745,505.00

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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 6. 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.