



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance is for the option to purchase Automobiles for the City of Columbus. Automobiles are used in various City agencies. The contract will allow the City to purchase any automobile manufactured by Ford. The majority of automobiles to be purchased from this contract are likely to be the Ford Focus, Ford Fusion and the Ford Police Interceptor.

The term of the proposed option contract would be from the date of execution by the City up to and including May 31, 2015. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on January 3, 2013.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with Section 329.06 (Solicitation No. SA004729). Thirty Three (33) bids were solicited; Seven (7) bids were received. The specifications asked the bidders to provide a dollar amount over triple net dealer invoicing.

The Purchasing Office is recommending award of the contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder:

Byers Ford, LLC - CC# 31-4139860

Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$2,500,000.00

This company is not debarred according to the Federal Excluded Parties Listing or the State Auditor's Findings for Recovery Database.

This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency because, without emergency action, the 2013 model year build-out dates will pass and the City would pay more money for 2014 model year automobiles.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding to establish this option contract is budgeted in the Mail, Print Services and UTC 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 Automobiles with Byers Ford; to authorize the expenditure of one dollar to establish the contracts from the Mail, Print Services and UTC Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00)

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on January 3, 2013 seeking automobiles and selected the lowest, responsible and best bid; 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) purchasing environmentally preferred materials, supplies and equipment; and 4) providing effective option contracts for City agencies to efficiently maintain their supply chain and service to the public; and

WHEREAS, these automobiles will replace older, high maintenance units used in the daily operations of City Agencies, this is being submitted for consideration as an emergency measure; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Finance and Management Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contracts for an option to purchase Automobiles, so that the 2013 model build-out dates are not missed, thereby saving the City money, 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 a contract for an option to purchase Automobiles in accordance with SA004729 thru May 31, 2015 as follows:

Byers Ford: Amount: \$1.00

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from the Mail, Print Services, and UTC Fund, Organization Level 1: 45-01, Fund: 05-517, Object Level 3: 2140, OCA: 451130, to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 3. That for the reason stated in the preamble here to, 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.