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Legislation Text

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To authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify the current contract with MED 3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services for the Division of Fire; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Safety to modify the existing contract with MED 3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection, and reporting services as needed for the Division of Fire's Third Party EMS Reimbursement Program, initiated via Ordinance #1184-02, passed July 22, 2002. A modification is necessary to increase the dollar amount of the current contract, which was initially created and funded via Ordinance 0374-2008 that was passed on 3/17/08 in the amount of \$1.275M.

Bid Information: An evaluation committee comprised of representatives from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, Department of Technology, and Department of Finance and Management solicited and completed a review of all proposals submitted to the City in response to a formal request for proposal (RFP) for EMS Billing, Collection and Reporting Services. The committee recommended the selection of MED 3000, Inc., based upon defined criteria included in the RFP and the requirements of the Columbus City Codes.

The City of Columbus contracts for the billing, collection, and reporting of those who are transported to hospitals by Columbus Fire Division EMS personnel for emergency medical care. These billing, collection, and reporting services commenced in 2003, and have since generated a multitude of patient care information used by Columbus Fire to better prepare EMS response protocols, and in turn, respond to City of Columbus citizens in a more effective manner. The division also generates reports for various fire organizations that is catalogued nationwide. To date, this programs has generated in excess of \$40M in revenue since it's inception.

Contract Compliance: 251837785; expires 11/01/2009

Emergency Designation: Emergency action is requested so that EMS billing, collection and reporting services can continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Fire Division budgeted \$1.8 million in the 2008 General Fund Budget for EMS billing, collection, and reporting. Thus far in 2008, the Division of Fire has spent approximately \$748,000.00 with Med3000, and \$245,138.49 with ACS for these services. This ordinance authorizes and expenditure of \$300,000.00 with MED 3000 to continue these services until 2009.

WHEREAS, the City contracts for EMS Billing and Collection Services, as initiated via Ordinance #1184-2002, passed July 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City's representatives solicited and reviewed proposals submitted in response to a formal Request For Proposal (RFP), in accordance with well defined selection criteria and Chapter 329.12 of the Columbus City Codes; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee comprised of representatives from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire, Department of Technology, and Department of Finance and Management have solicited and completed a review of all proposals submitted to the City in response to a formal request for proposal (RFP) for EMS Billing and Collection Services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to modify a contract with MED 3000, Inc. for EMS billing, collection and reporting services to continue without interruption, 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 Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to modify the existing contract between the City and MED 3000, Inc. for the Division of Fire's EMS billing, collection and reporting services.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$300,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund 010, Department of Public Safety 30, Division of Fire 30-04, OCA 301559, OL3 Code 3336 to pay the cost thereof.

SECTION 3. 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.