



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 0257-2011, **Version:** 1

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Support Services, to enter into contract with Locution Systems Inc., for the maintenance services of the Emergency Alerting System (Public Address System) at all City of Columbus Fire Stations and the associated equipment located at the Fire Dispatch Facility, starting May 01, 2011 through April 30, 2012. This agreement is being entered into under the Sole Source procurement provision of Section 329.07 of the Columbus City Code. Locution Systems Inc. is the only known company that can provide essential backup service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for the current Emergency Alerting System. Locution Systems Inc. is the vendor for both the hardware and software of the alert system.

**Bid Information:** Locution Systems Inc. is the only known company that can provide maintenance and support for their Emergency Alerting System.

**Contract Compliance:** Locution Systems Inc. Contract Compliance #841240663, expires 4/5/2013.

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency designation is requested to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the Emergency Alerting System.

**FISCAL IMPACT.** Funds for this expenditure are budgeted in the Division of Support Services 2011 General Fund operating budget. There was no expenditure for this service in prior years because this is the first year for the maintenance services for this new system. The amount budgeted for 2011 is \$65,000.00.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Support Services, to enter into contract with Locution Systems Inc. for maintenance services for continued operation of the Emergency Alerting System (Public Address System) at all the City of Columbus Fire Stations, and the associated equipment located at the Fire Dispatch Facility in accordance with the sole source procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes; to authorize the expenditure of \$39,318.75 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$39,318.75).

**WHEREAS,** the City purchased a new Emergency Alerting System (Public Address System) at all the City of Columbus Fire Stations and the associated equipment located at the Fire Dispatch Facility; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Support Services has a need to enter into contract with Locution Systems Inc. for maintenance services for the Emergency Alerting System; and

**WHEREAS,** Locution Systems Inc. is the only known company that can provide maintenance services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for this system; and,

**WHEREAS,** this contract is being entered into under the sole source provision provided in Section 329.07 of the Columbus City Codes; and,

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Support Services, in that it is immediately necessary to ensure continued operation and maintenance to the Emergency Alerting System, (Public Address System), in order to preserve the public peace, property health, safety and welfare; now, therefore

### **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Support Services be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Locution Systems Inc., for the maintenance services of the Emergency Alerting System (Public Address System) at all the City of Columbus Fire Stations and the associated equipment located at the Fire Dispatch Facility for the period of May 01, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

**SECTION 2.** That this agreement is made in accordance with the sole source provision of Section 329.07 of the Columbus City Code.

**SECTION 3.** That for the purpose stated in Section 1 hereof, the expenditure of \$39,318.75, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized from:

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**SECTION 4.** 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 of ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.