



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Division of Fire was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific. This equipment is a handheld FTIR (Fourier-Transform InfraRed) system designed to analyze and identify unknown materials and chemical substances. The unit will be used by HazMat4 on potential Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incidents and suspicious powder incidents where the materials have not been identified, and/or to verify a known or suspected substance. The equipment is required by HazMat4 to maintain its current State of Ohio Type 1 HazMat team certification. The total cost of the equipment will be \$65,000.00, the payment of which will be issued by Franklin County, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement via Ordinance 1917-2005 to enable this type of purchase.

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

Bid Information: The Division of Fire applied for and was approved for an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to purchase a TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System. Thermo Fisher Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, is the sole provider of this highly specialized equipment.

This specialized and proprietary equipment is unique and offered only by Thermo Fisher Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific. All equipment that is funded through US Homeland Security training grants must be approved by the United States Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness to be eligible for funding.

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: Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments Inc. - #01-0650031

Emergency Designation: This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure so that legislation is approved prior to expiration of the grant period.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to enter into an agreement to procure equipment and training for the Division of Fire HazMat4 team using \$65,000.00 in Homeland Security grant funds currently held by Franklin County. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

To authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract for the acquisition of a TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System for the Division of Fire from Thermo Fisher Scientific, utilizing Homeland Security Funds, in accordance with the sole source provisions of City Code, and to declare an emergency (\$0.00) **(REPEALED BY ORD. 2079-2015 PASSED 09/21/2015)**

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire needs to acquire a TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System from Thermo Fisher Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, for operations, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a

TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System, and

WHEREAS, this acquisition is being made in accordance with Sole Source Provisions of City Code Chapter 329, 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 authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of said tools 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 for the acquisition of TruDefender FTIR Chemical Identification System for the Division of Fire's HazMat4 team from Thermo Fisher Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, a part of Thermo Fisher Scientific.

SECTION 2. There is no city related expenditure associated with this ordinance; grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security are being administered via Franklin County.

SECTION 3. That this this acquisition is in accordance with the Sole Source Provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes.

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.