



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: In 1984, the City responded to concerns raised by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regarding potential exposures to employees at the City Trash Burning Power Plant. The City began testing employees at the Columbus Department of Health. In particular, the Occupational Clinic provided medical surveillance examinations, pre-placement examinations, immunizations, health and fitness assessments, clearance for respirator wear, assessment of workers' fitness for duty, consultation, hearing conservation training and audiometric testing.

In 2006, the Department of Health became the Columbus Public Health Department with a primary focus on monitoring community health status, identifying and addressing public health threats, enforcing laws that protect the public's health and providing services to prevent and control disease. In the face of this change and to provide focused and coordinated Occupational Safety and Health medical services in accordance with the federal Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP), OSHA and the state Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC), the City of Columbus shifted the operations of employee occupational safety and health medical services from the Public Health Department to the Human Resources Department. This will allow for continued surveillance exams to City employees at risk and appropriate follow up; identify occupationally related disease or disability; assist in rehabilitation activities; determine fitness and suitability for assigned work; promote and maintain federal OSHA compliance; promote health, wellness and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease/injury; provide assistance in injury care activities and in rehabilitation activities; and services that will have educational and/or training programs promoting general health and safe work practices.

The project was formally advertised in the City Bulletin and via the City's Vendor Services website from August 4, 2011 through September 1, 2011. September 1, 2011 was the bid opening. The Proposal Evaluation Committee included 5 members. Two vendors submitted proposals and each were interviewed. Those proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria: Competence of Offeror Proposal (25 points possible); Ability of Offeror to Perform Required Service Competently and Expeditiously (20 points possible); Past Performance of Offer (20 points possible); Environmentally Preferable Factor (15 points possible); Cost or Pricing Structure of Offeror Proposal (25 points possible).

This ordinance authorizes and directs the Human Resources Director to modify and extend the current contract for Occupational Safety and Health medical services for the City of Columbus with Mt. Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness, and to authorize the expenditure of \$305,000.00 to be paid out of the Employee Benefits fund in the Human Resources Department. The contract is for a five-year period, subject to annual appropriation; this ordinance represents the second year.

Contract compliance number is 31-1439334.

FISCAL IMPACT: To modify and extend the existing contract with Mount Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness to establish the maximum obligation liability of \$305,000.00 for Occupational Safety and Health medical services from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014. Funding is available in the 2013 budget for this contract.

To authorize the Human Resources Director to modify and extend the existing contract with Mount Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness to provide all eligible employees Occupational Safety and Health medical services from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014 and to authorize the expenditure of \$305,000.00 from the Employee Benefits Fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the costs of said contract; and to declare an emergency. (\$305,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to modify and extend the existing contract with Mount Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness to provide all eligible employees Occupational Safety and Health medical services from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mount Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness has indicated its intention to use MBEs and FBEs and report the dollar amounts quarterly; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of up to \$305,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay contract costs for Occupational Safety and Health medical services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary for aforementioned purpose 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 Human Resources Director is hereby authorized to modify and extend the existing contract with Mount Carmel Occupational Health and Wellness to provide Occupational Safety and Health Medical Services and related Education and Wellness Programs for City employees to all eligible employees from February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of up to \$305,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary for coverage from the Employee Benefits Fund 502, Department of Human Resources is hereby authorized and directed. Department of Human Resources No. 46-01, OL 1 3, OL3 3363, OCA 461051, Subfund 208, \$305,000.00.

See attachment: 2013 Occupational Clinic Appropriation Attachment

SECTION 3. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is 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.