



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 1175-2010, **Version:** 1

---

This ordinance authorizes the Finance and Management Director to issue a purchase order to Bus Service Inc. for the purchase of one (1) new gasoline powered fourteen (14) passenger mini-bus for use by the Recreation and Parks Department. This vehicle will replace an older unit 1999 Chevrolet which is beyond its useful life. This unit will be used to transport children, which under new traffic safety laws, requires them to be restrained in a booster chair. Most of the recreation program participants would not have the ability to leave a booster with the recreation center. Therefore, this is a safety measure to make sure that all children transported to various recreation centers are in compliance with the new traffic safety laws.

On June 17, 2010, the Purchasing Office opened formal bid solicitation SA003610. Three (3) bidders responded. Purchasing and Fleet Management recommend an award to Bus Service Inc. Tesco was the lowest overall bidder. However, several items in their bid failed to meet specifications and they were therefore deemed non-responsive.

Bus Service Inc. Contract Compliance No.: 31-0965364; Expiration 06/17/2012

**Fiscal Impact:** The 2010 General Fund budget includes \$1 million for the purchase of vehicles and equipment. The cost of this purchase order is \$41,900.00.

**Emergency action** is requested to expedite delivery for this equipment to be used by the Recreation and Parks Department, in order to enhance the Department's ability to transport children participants safely between various recreation locations throughout the City.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to establish a purchase order with Bus Service Inc. for the purchase of a mini bus for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$41,900.00 from the General Fund. (\$41,900.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Parks Department has a need for a fourteen-passenger mini bus to safely transport program participants and meet the new traffic safety laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Office solicited formal competitive bids for this vehicle through SA003610; and

**WHEREAS**, these bids were opened on June 17, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were evaluated and a recommendation has been made to purchase the fourteen-passenger mini bus from the lowest bidder that meets specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the Recreation and Parks Department in that it is immediately necessary to enter into a contract to purchase said equipment, 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 issue a purchase order with Bus Service Inc. for a fourteen-passenger mini bus for the Department of Recreation and Parks.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$41,900.00 or so much thereof as may be needed for this purpose, be and is hereby authorized from fund 010, Dept 45-05, OCA code 451201, Object level One:06, Object Level Three: 6650.

**SECTION 3.** That the monies in the foregoing Section 2 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Finance and Management and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

**SECTION 4.** That this ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.