



Legislation Text

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To authorize and direct the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary to enter into contracts for the acquisition of training for the Division of Fire Bomb Squad, in accordance with sole source procurement with A-T Solutions, Inc. utilizing Homeland Security Grant funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

BACKGROUND: The Division of Fire was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) training for the Bomb Squad. The total cost of this training will be \$104,855.48, 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 training.

Bid Information: The Division of Fire was approved for a State Homeland Security Grant to purchase Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) training for the Bomb Squad. The grant requirements are such that purchasing this training pursuant to section 329.06 (Formal Competitive Bidding) of the Columbus City Code is not possible due to the specialized nature of this equipment.

This specialized and proprietary training is unique and offered only by the aforementioned vendor. All equipment and training that is funded through US Homeland Security grants must be approved by the United States Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness to be eligible for funding. There is no other approved equipment that meets Fire's training requirement at this time. This equipment is specific for Bomb Squads, and is limited due to the sensitive nature and the small number of bomb squads in the United States.

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: A-T Solutions, Inc. 450472549

Emergency Designation: This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure so that legislative approval can occur prior to expiration of the grant period (April 2011).

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to enter execute those documents necessary to procure training in the amount of \$104,855.48 for the Division of Fire Bomb Squad using Homeland Security grant funds currently held by Franklin County. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire needs to acquire Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) training for the Bomb Squad; and

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

WHEREAS, this acquisition is being made in accordance with Sole Source Provisions; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations 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 equipment 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 with A-T Solutions, Inc. for the acquisition of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) training for the Columbus Fire Bomb Squad.

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 in the amount of \$104,855.48.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus that this acquisition be in accordance with the provisions of Sole Source Provisions of Section 329.07(e), 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.