



## Legislation Text

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### ..Explanation

**BACKGROUND:** This legislation is for the option to establish a UTC contract for Soda Ash for the Division of Water, the sole user. This contract will provide for the purchase of Soda Ash to be used as a softening agent for potable water at three City of Columbus Water Plants. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately one year, expiring March 31, 2017, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on January 14, 2016.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 329.06 relating to competitive bidding (Solicitation No. SA006122). One hundred four (104) bids were solicited: (M1A-0, F1-1, MBR-4). Two (2) bids were received.

The Purchasing Office is recommending award to the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder as follows:

Brenntag Mid-South, MAJ, CC# 61-0504545 expires 2/28/2018, Items 1, 1A and 4, \$1.00  
Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$2.5 million, Division of Water, the sole user

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search. This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency because, without emergency action, no less than 37 days will be added to this procurement cycle and the efficient delivery of valuable public services will be slowed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding to establish this option contract is from the General Fund. City Agencies will be required to obtain approval to expend from their own appropriations for their estimated annual expenditures.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Soda Ash with Brenntag Mid-South, to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00 to establish the contract from the General Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00).

**WHEREAS,** the Soda Ash UTC will provide for the purchase of water treatment chemicals for use at 3 Water Treatment Plants, used as a softening agent of potable water; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on January 14, 2016 and selected the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance addresses Purchasing objective of 1) maximizing the use of City resources by obtaining optimal products/services at low prices and 2) encouraging economic development by improving access to City bid opportunities and 3) providing effective option contracts for City agencies to efficiently maintain their supply chain and service to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** as the current contract expires March 31, 2016 and in order to maintain a supply of Soda Ash, this is being submitted for consideration as an emergency measure; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management,

Purchasing Office, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Soda Ash, 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 enter into the following contract for the option to purchase Soda Ash in accordance with Solicitation No. SA006122 for a term of approximately three years, expiring March 31, 2019, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, as follows:

Brenntag Mid-South, Items 1, 1A and 4, \$1.00

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized in Fund 1000 General Fund in Object Class 02 Materials and Supplies per the account codes in the attachment of this ordinance to pay the cost thereof.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That for the reason 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, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.