



Legislation Text

File #: 0482-2011, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the Public Safety Director to enter into the third year of a contract with Leads Online LLC for access to the company's Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System and to allow for online electronic reporting system for all pawnshop, secondhand and scrap metal dealers in Columbus, nationwide access to pawn/secondhand transaction information, report and searches. The company maintains records from all participants operating as licensed scrap metal facilities located in the continental United States and makes the information available to the Columbus Division of Police for investigative searches of stolen goods, especially scrap metal. The term of the original contract was for three (3) years and may be renewed upon its anniversary date up to two (2) additional years beyond the initial term. The term of this third year renewal shall be from March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2012 and shall not exceed \$74,400.00.

Ordinance 0441-2007, passed in July 2007, amended Columbus City Codes to provide licensing and regulation of scrap metal dealers and ensures that motor vehicles and metal sold as scrap are legitimately owned by the seller.

Contract Compliance - 421720332, expiration date May 22, 2011

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested in order to allow the Division of Police uninterrupted access to the data base for investigative purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$74,400.00 from the General Fund for an Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System. This contract was budgeted in the Division of Police's 2011 General Fund budget at \$74,400.00. The total amount spent on this system thus far, not including this ordinance, is \$79,729.00.

To authorize and direct the Public Safety Director to establish a contract with Leads Online LLC for access to the company's Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System; to authorize the expenditure of \$74,400.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$74,400.00)

WHEREAS, residential and commercial burglaries, the theft of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts and various types of metal materials that have value as scrap metal is a significant and growing problem for law enforcement agencies, contractors and builders, utility providers, business owners, home owners and the citizens of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, ordinance 0441-2007, passed in July 2007, provides for licensing and regulation of scrap metal dealers to help ensure that motor vehicles and metals sold as scrap metal are legitimately owned by the seller and are not stolen property; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance seeks to assist in the recovery of stolen property by contracting with Leads Online LLC for access to their online data base to help the Division of Police in their investigations; and

WHEREAS, funds of \$74,400.00 are budgeted and available in the General Fund for this contract; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for continued uninterrupted access to a data base that will accelerate the apprehension of criminals for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, welfare; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Public Safety Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to establish a contract with Leads Online LLC for access to their Automated Scrap Materials and Used Goods Transaction Information Management System.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$74,400.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as

follows:

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SECTION 3. That for the reasons 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.