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Legislation Text

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish blanket purchase orders for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage to obtain Liquid Sodium Bisulfite and to waive the provisions of Columbus City Code Section 329. The amount of this legislation is cover the cost of loads through October.

BACKGROUND

The City currently has an established Universal Term Contract FL003373 with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. for Liquid Sodium Bisulfite. The Sewerage and Drainage plants seasonally feed Liquid Sodium Bisulfite through the end of October. Sulfur Dioxide is a major component in the JCI Jones' Liquid Sodium Bisulfite production process and the largest domestic manufacturer of Sulfur Dioxide. Calabrain Corporation declared a force majeure following Hurricane Ike. The result is that JCI Jones Chemicals is unable to provide any additional Liquid Sodium Bisulfite this season since Calabrain Corporation can not deliver.

As continued treatment of sewage is imperative to the health and welfare of the citizens of Columbus, informal bids were solicited from other manufacturing sources. All bidders whom had historically provided responsive bids to the City were contacted and asked to provide pricing and availability. Those vendors contacted were:

Bonded Chemicals, Inc., 2645 Charter Street, Columbus, OH 43228 \$0.165 / lb
PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc, 10900 Harper Avenue, Detroit, MI 48213 \$0.1635 / lb

These companies were also contacted however no product was available:

Calabrian Corporation, 3333 Warrenville Road, Suite 200, Lisle, IL 60532
JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., 2500 Vanderhoof Road, Barberton, OH 44203

With local credit (1%) Bonded Chemicals is the lowest bid received. There is approximately 11 pounds to the gallon and 4,250 gallons per truckload.

In order to comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits governing Jackson Pike and Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plants, it is necessary that the effluent flow to the Scioto River be de-chlorinated prior to discharge. Liquid Sodium Bisulfite is an approved agent for this purpose. The chemical is fed into the wastewater treatment process through October 31.

SUPPLIER: Bonded Chemicals (61-1162384); Expires 8-18-10

FISCAL IMPACT: \$26,600.00 is required for the purchase of loads to feed through October. The Division of Sewerage and Drainage has spent \$105,000.00 so far in fiscal year 2008. \$155,000.00 was spent in 2007

Emergency legislation is being requested so that the disinfecting of the wastewater can continue through October and the supply chain is not be interrupted so that the NPDES permit is not violated

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to establish Blanket Purchase Orders with Bonded Chemicals for the purchase of Liquid Sodium Bisulfite for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to authorize the expenditure of \$26,600.00 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code, 1959; and to declare an emergency. (\$26,600.00)

WHEREAS, the City currently has established Universal Term Contract FL003373 with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc. for Liquid Sodium Bisulfite, and

WHEREAS, Sulfur Dioxide is a major component in the JCI Jones' Liquid Sodium Bisulfite production process and the largest domestic manufacturer of Sulfur Dioxide, Calabrain Corporation, declared a force majeure following Hurricane Ike, and

WHEREAS, The result is that JCI Jones Chemicals is unable to provide any additional Liquid Sodium Bisulfite this season and continued treatment of sewage is imperative to the health and welfare of the citizens of Columbus, informal bids were solicited from other manufacturing sources, and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office solicited and received informal bids and an award was made to Bonded Chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA requires that effluent material be disinfected by the wastewater treatment plants prior to being discharged into the waterways, and

WHEREAS, Liquid Sodium Bisulfite is an approved chlorine solution used for the disinfection process, and

WHEREAS, the blanket purchase orders will be issued in accordance with informal bids received by the Purchasing Office, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City that the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 be waived, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to establish blanket purchase orders so that the disinfecting of the wastewater can continue through October and the supply chain is not be interrupted so that the NPDES permit is not violated with Bonded Chemicals for Liquid Sodium Bisulfite for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; 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 to establish blanket purchase orders for the purchase of Liquid Sodium Bisulfite with Bonded Chemicals for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, in accordance with informal bids received by Purchasing Office.

Section 2. That the expenditure of \$26,600.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby authorized from the Sewerage System Operating Fund, Fund No. 650, as follows, to pay the cost thereof.

Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant

OCA: 605055

Object Level 1: 02

Object Level 3: 2204

Amount: \$16,500.00

Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant

OCA: 605022

Object Level 1: 02

Object Level 3: 2204

Amount: \$10,100.00

Section 3. That this Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329.

Section 4. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, where is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, which 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.

