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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Technology to renew an annual agreement with Business Software, Inc. (BSI) for software maintenance and support for the BSI Tax Factory application utilized by CHRIS (Columbus Human Resource Information System). The original agreement (ED040348) was established in December 2009. The agreement was most recently renewed by authority of ordinance 2313-2014, passed November 3, 2014. This renewal will provide another year of maintenance and support for the period December 9, 2015 to December 8, 2016, at a cost of \$11,000.00.

The BSI Tax Factory application performs calculations of US Federal, State, Possession and Local payroll taxes for the employer and employee. The burden of tracking regulatory rules is eliminated for tax calculations, wage, and benefit plan taxability, wage attachments and deferred income.

Previous legislation requested approval to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code Chapter 329 due to the fact that the maintenance and support for the BSI Tax Factory application is only available through the reseller from which the system was licensed. Under the original contract with Lawson Software Ord.1799-2007, passed by Columbus City Council on November 26, 2007, it was identified that the named reseller for the Tax Factory application, which is utilized with the Lawson software for the CHRIS project, would be Business Software, Inc. The bid waiver allowed the City to contract for maintenance and support necessary for the operation of the BSI Tax Factory application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For years 2013 and 2014, the Department of Technology expended \$9,492.52 and \$9,969.54 respectively with Business Software, Inc. (BSI) for maintenance and support services. The cost associated with this contract renewal and ordinance for the software maintenance support for a one year term period (December 9, 2015 through December 8, 2016) is \$11,000.00. Funds were budgeted and are available within the Department of Technology, Information Services Division, internal service fund. The total aggregate contract cost for maintenance and support services for the Business Software, Inc. (BSI) Tax Factory is \$66,645.58.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:

Vendor Name: Business Software, Inc. F.I.D#/C.C.#: 59 - 1935198 Expiration Date: 10/17/2015

To authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to renew a contract with Business Software, Inc (BSI) for software maintenance and support associated with the CHRIS project; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and to authorize the expenditure of \$11,000.00 from the Department of Technology, Information Services Division, internal service fund. (\$11,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Technology has a need to renew an annual maintenance and support agreement for the term period coverage of December 9, 2015 through December 8, 2016 at a cost of \$11,000.00 with Business Software, Inc (BSI) Tax Factory Application associated with the CHRIS project related to the installation and utilization of their product, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and support is only available through the reseller from which the system was licensed.

Under the original contract with Lawson Software Ord.1799-2007, passed by Columbus City Council on November 26, 2007, it was identified that the named reseller for the Tax Factory application, which is utilized with the Lawson software for the CHRIS project, would be Business Software, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the initial software maintenance and support contract with Business Software, Inc. (BSI), ED040348, was established in 2009, and

WHEREAS, this ordinance requests waiving of the competitive bidding requirement of the Columbus City Codes Section 329 to allow the Department of Technology to continue the maintenance and support service necessary for the operation of the BSI Tax Factory application, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Technology to renew a contract with Business Software Inc. for an additional one year term period in order to provide maintenance and support services for the BSI Tax Factory application, thereby preserving the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; now, therefore;

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

SECTION 1: That the Director of the Department of Technology is hereby authorized to renew a contract with Business Software, Inc. (BSI) for software maintenance and support on the BSI Tax Factory application utilized with the CHRIS project, in the amount of approximately \$11,000.00 for a coverage term period from December 9, 2015 through December 8, 2016.

SECTION 2: That the expenditure of approximately \$11,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from:

Div.: 47-02|**Fund:** 514|**Subfund:** 001|**OCA Code:** 470202|**Obj. Level 1:** 03|**Obj. Level 3:** 3369|**Amount:** \$11,000.00

SECTION 3: That the City Auditor is authorized to make any changes to revise the funding source for any contract or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 4: 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 5: That this Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding requirements of City Code Chapter 329.

SECTION 6: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.