



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Technology, on behalf of the Department of Development for Building Services and Neighborhood Services, to modify the annual maintenance service agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions established in the original agreement. Currently, Accela, Inc. is the owner of the programming code embedded within software awarded in the original contract with Open Data Systems, Inc. (CT-17745). This contract modification will continue the provisions for services between the City of Columbus and Accela, Inc. for the purpose of software and support maintenance services utilized by Building Services, Neighborhood Services, agencies within the Department of Development; which also supports daily operational functions that benefit various City departments, divisions and agencies such as yet not limited to; the Department of Public Utilities and Transportation Division of the Public Service Department. These maintenance and support services include technical assistance, support, upgrades and telephone support services for the Accela Enterprise (AE) System application, used to issue building permits, track code enforcement activities and monitor the performance of the One Stop Shop. Without the passage of this legislation, the Department of Technology will lose the ability to maintain the AE application, eliminating the ability to provide web access for building permits, data and information utilized by citizens regarding issues such as building permits and inspections.

This ordinance authorizes payment for the annual maintenance and support associated with the Accela application, for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of \$172,062.00 was expended in fiscal year 2005 for services provided by Accela, Inc. During the fiscal year 2006, \$705,576.00 was expended for on-going maintenance; support services; upgrades; updated; and related services. In fiscal year 2007, the Department legislated \$220,812.90 for related services with Accela, Inc.. Currently, funding in the amount of \$183,207.84 is available in the 2008 Department of Technology's budget, split among various agencies within the 2008 Department of Technology's Information Services Fund, (Internal Services), for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

EMERGENCY:

There is an immediate need to modify an existing contract with Accela, Inc. to continue daily operational needs, such as support; migration; and enhancements (hardware and software) of a computer system, according to time lines and deadlines negotiated.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:

Accela, Inc. # 942767678 Expiration Date: 04/09/2009

To authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to modify and extend a contract with Accela, Inc., on behalf of the Department of Development for Building Services and Neighborhood Services, for software and support maintenance services; and to authorize the expenditure of \$183,207.84 from the Department of Technology, Information Services Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$183,207.84)

WHEREAS, the Department of Technology, on behalf of the Department of Development for Building Services and Neighborhood Services, needs to modify and extend the existing contract associated with purchase order EL001714, for software and support maintenance services for the city's building permits, code enforcement and Geographic Information System (GIS), and

WHEREAS, Accela, Inc. is the owner of the programming source code embedded within software awarded in the original contract with Open Data Systems, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Department of Technology now requires and recommends a modification of this contract by and between the City of Columbus and Accela, Inc. to continue software and support maintenance services, and

WHEREAS, without the passage of this legislation, the Department of Technology will lose the ability to maintain the Accela application, losing the ability to provide web access for building permits, data and information utilized by citizens regarding building

permits and inspections, and

WHEREAS, the modification of this contract between Accela, Inc. and the City of Columbus, shall not exceed the amount of \$183,207.84 available within the 2008 Department of Technology, Information Services Fund, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Technology, in that it is necessary to modify and extend the contract with Accela, Inc., to maintain software and support maintenance services without interruption, 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, on behalf of the Department of Development, for Building Services and Neighborhood Services, be and is hereby authorized to modify and extend a contract associated with purchase order EL001714 for the software and support maintenance services provided by Accela, Inc.

SECTION 2: That the expenditure of \$183,207.84 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from:

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:600|OCA Code: 514600|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$1,612.53 Water

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:550|OCA Code: 514550|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$5,349.37 Electricity

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:650|OCA Code: 514650|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$5,862.65 Sewer and Drains

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:599|OCA Code: 514599|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$3,664.16 Transportation

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:240|OCA Code: 514240|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$106,260.55 Building Services

Div.:47-01|Fund:514|Subfund:010|OCA Code: 440147|Obj. Level 1:03|Obj. Level 3: 3369|
Amount: \$60,458.58 Development

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

SECTION 4: 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.