



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To authorize and direct the Director of Finance & Management to execute those documents necessary and enter into a contract for the acquisition of a Raman Spectrometer for the Division of Fire's HazMat Squad from Ahura Scientific, in accordance with Sole Source Procurement Provisions, and to declare an emergency.(\$0.00)

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Need:** The Division of Fire has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a Raman Spectrometer for the Division of Fire's HazMat Squad. The total cost of the equipment will be \$49,000.00, the payment of which will be issued by Franklin County, on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The City of Columbus and Franklin County entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement via Ordinance 1691-2006, passed October 18, 2006, to enable this type of purchase.

This legislation will authorize and direct the Director of Finance & Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of this equipment.

**Bid Information:** The Division of Fire applied for and was approved for an Urban Area Security Initiative grant to purchase a Raman Spectrometer for the Division of Fire's HazMat Squad. The highly specialized and proprietary nature of this equipment, and requirements of the grant are such that Sole Source procurement provisions are being pursued as per Section 329.07 (e) of the Columbus City Code. This proprietary, unique equipment is the only kind approved for grant funding by the Department of Homeland Security.

This Company is not debarred according to the Excluded Parties listing of the Federal Government and is not listed in the Auditor of State database for Findings for Recovery.

**Contract Compliance:** Ahura Scientific ~ 010650031 exp. 6/9/10

**Emergency Designation:** This legislation is to be declared an emergency measure due to it being imperative that legislative approval occur in a timely fashion to acquire this specialized equipment as soon as possible, and prior to expiration of the grant period (October 2008).

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Budgeted Amount:** There is no fiscal impact to the City for this equipment.

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Fire is in need to acquire a Raman Spectrometer for the Division of Fire's HazMat Squad; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to acquire this equipment via the provisions of Section 329.07(e), of the Columbus City Codes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Division of Fire has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase said equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** an emergency exists in the daily operation of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Finance & Management to execute those documents necessary for the acquisition of said equipment prior to the expiration of the grant period, for the preservation of 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 Director of Finance & Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those documents necessary and enter into a contract with Ahura Scientific for the acquisition of a Raman Spectrometer for the Division of Fire's HazMat Squad.

**Section 2.** That there is no expenditure associated with this ordinance.

**Section 3.** That this acquisition is in accordance with the provisions of Section 329.07(e), of the Columbus City Codes (sole source).

**Section 4.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared 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.