



Legislation Text

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To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract with Breathing Air Systems for the acquisition of a rescue air lifting bags systems for the Division of Fire utilizing Homeland Security Grant funds; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

BACKGROUND: The Division of Fire was awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase rescue air lifting bag systems. The total cost of this equipment is \$26,818.29, 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 1917-2005 to enable this type of purchase.

The Division of Fire currently employs Paratech rescue air lifting bag systems on it's heavy rescue apparatus. These air bags are designed to lift and support heavy items that impede the rescue of victims of auto accidents and structural collapse. The equipment being acquired via this ordinance consists of a system of air bags of varying sizes and uses, control panels, and high pressure hoses that allow firefighters to safely access and rescue trapped victims. This equipment will also supplement regional emergency response entities such as FEMA and Ohio Task Force 1, both of which employ the same rescue systems.

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

Bid Information: Bid were solicited by the Purchasing Office via solicitation SA004246 and opened on 2/16/12. The following bids were received:

Breathing Air Systems - Majority company - \$26,818.29

Finley Fire Equipment - Majority company - \$27,810.00

After review of the bids, the Division of Fire recommends the bid submitted by Breathing Air Systems as the lowest, most responsive and best bid. Breathing Air Systems 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: Breathing Air Systems - 310816610 exp. 09/20/2013

Emergency Designation: The Division of Fire request emergency legislation so that the purchase of the equipment may conclude prior to expiration of the grant period (April 2012).

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to execute those documents necessary to procure a building collapse rescue system in the amount of \$26,818.29 for the Division of Fire using Homeland Security grant funds currently held by Franklin County. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

WHEREAS, the Division of Fire needs to acquire rescue air bag lifting systems for use in it's daily operation; and

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

WHEREAS, this acquisition is being made to Breathing Air Systems in accordance with the terms and conditions of solicitation SA004246; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Fire, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize and direct the Director of Finance and 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 and Management be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute those documents necessary to enter into a contract with Breathing Air Systems for the acquisition of a building collapse rescue system for the Columbus Division of Fire .

SECTION 2. There is no city related expenditure associated with this ordinance; grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security are being administered via Franklin County in the amount of \$26,818.29.

SECTION 3. 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.