



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes a contract for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) supplies from Vance's Outdoor Inc., for the Division of Police in the amount of \$213,745.95. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Police needs to establish a contract for the purchase of replacement CEWs, ancillary supplies, and power magazines. The Division of Police believes that only the CEW manufactured by Taser International Inc., is acceptable due to street use, training, certification, and re-certification required for all police officers. There is only one supplier in the Ohio area authorized to sell CEWs, cartridges, warranty, and accessories. Taser International has stated that the only authorized dealer in Ohio is Vance's Outdoors Inc. This purchase by the City of Columbus is from a State of Ohio contract which is authorized by Ordinance 582-87 that allows for the cooperative purchasing between the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Contracts and other government entities.

This company is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Bid Information: A State of Ohio Term Contract exists for this purchase, Index #STS847 Contract #80051

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested to replenish current CEW training cartridges as soon as possible for on-going training exercises.

Contract Compliance Number: CC009245 expires 7/6/2019

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$213,745.95 from the General Fund for CEW's supplies and power magazines from Vance Outdoors Inc. The Division spent \$225,438.70 in 2016 for CEW's supplies and spent \$250,000.00 in 2015 for replacements and supplies. Funds have been budgeted in the General Fund for this purchase.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract for the purchase of Conducted Electrical supplies (CEWs), CEW cartridges, and CEW power magazines with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for the Division of Police from a State of Ohio Term Contract, to authorize the expenditure of \$213,745.95 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$213,745.95)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police needs to purchase (CEWs) supplies and purchase (CEW) power magazines; and

WHEREAS, Vance's Outdoors Inc. is the only authorized dealer in Ohio for Taser International; and

WHEREAS, a State of Ohio Term Contract established by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative services Purchasing Office exists for these purchases; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the purchase of (CEW) cartridges and (CEW) magazines to maintain the supply, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. That the Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Vance's Outdoors Inc. for the option to purchase Conducted Electrical Supplies (CEWs), CEW cartridges, and CEW power magazines in accordance with the existing State of Ohio Term Contract (Index #STS847 Contract #800551) established by the State of Ohio Purchasing Office with Vance's Outdoors, the purchase from which was authorized by Ordinance 582-87.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$213,745.95 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized as follows in Fund 1000 General Funds in Object Class 02 Supplies and Materials per the accounting codes in the spreadsheets attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from the after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.