



Legislation Text

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Background: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to amend the contract with Bricker & Eckler LLP (Bricker & Eckler) by extending the contract period to December 31, 2019. Bricker & Eckler is one of the region's leading law firms with offices located throughout Ohio. The company provides effective and sophisticated counsel across a wide variety of industries and areas of practice, while also delivering highly personalized services and access to the most experienced attorneys. Reflecting on Midwestern roots, the firm is recognized, by clients served, for integrity, hard work and value for the dollar.

Healthcare, insurance, financial services, manufacturing, education, construction and real estate are key industries served by Bricker & Eckler. In addition, the attorneys offer extensive experience in a variety of specialized practice areas including; shale oil and gas, complex litigation, economic development, corporate governance, public utilities, advanced energy, environment issues and public finance.

An amendment is needed to extend the contract period to December 31, 2019 to allow Bricker & Eckler to continue to review and update economic development policies for the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development.

Emergency Justification: Emergency action is necessary to allow Bricker and Eckler to continue providing services to the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development without interruption.

Fiscal Impact: This legislation does not have a fiscal impact.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Development to amend the contract with Bricker and Eckler by extending the contract period to December 31, 2019 for the purpose of allowing Bricker & Eckler to continue to review and update economic development policies for the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus entered into contract with Bricker and Eckler for the purpose of reviewing and updating current economic development policies for the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, the contract services provided by Bricker & Eckler will end on December 31, 2018 per PO-081831; and

WHEREAS, additional time is needed to allow Bricker & Eckler to continue to review and update current economic development policies and tools for the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to extend the contract period to December 31, 2019 for the purpose of continuing to review and update current economic development policies and tools for the Economic Development Division of the Department of Development; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to execute an amendment to the Bricker & Eckler contract to extend the term, thereby preserving 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 the Department of Development is hereby authorized to amend the contract with Bricker & Eckler for the purpose of extending the contract period to December 31, 2019.

Section 2. 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 passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.