



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to establish a Universal Term Contract (UTC) for the option to purchase Fiber Optic Cable Location Services with USIC Locating Services, LLC. □□□□
□ The Department of Technology is the sole user for fiber location services. This contract provides routine network cable location services. These services respond to 811 Call Before You Dig requests. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately three years, expiring May 31, 2024, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one year terms. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on October 20, 2020. In addition, the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO001670.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 329 relating to competitive bidding (Request for Quotation No. RFQ016458). Two bids were received.

The Purchasing Office is recommending award to the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder as follows:

USIC Locating Services□□□□, LLC CC# 034818 expires 2/4/23. All Services, \$1.00
Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$500,000, The Department of Technology, the sole user.

Emergency Designation: The Finance and Management Department respectfully requests this legislation to be considered an emergency ordinance because network cable location services safeguard the City fiber network.

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

FISCAL IMPACT: The expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO001670. The Department of Technology will be required to obtain approval to expend from their own appropriations for their estimated annual expenditures.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract for the option to purchase Fiber Optic Cable Location Services with USIC Locating Services, LLC; to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00 from General Budget Reservation BRPO001670; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00).

WHEREAS, the Fiber Optic Cable Location Services UTC will provide responses to 811 Call Before You Dig requests to assure protection of the City fiber network; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on October 20, 2020, and selected the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Technology in that it is necessary to authorize the Finance and Management Director to immediately enter into a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Fiber Optic Cable Location Services, 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 Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized to enter into the following contract for the option to purchase fiber network location services in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ016458 for a term of approximately three years, expiring May 31, 2024, with the option to renew for two (2) one year terms, as follows:

USIC Locating Services□□□□, LLC, All Services, \$1.00

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO001670 of this ordinance to pay the cost thereof.

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 the reason 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.