



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with BissNuss, Inc. for the purchase of six Water Champ Chemical Inductor Units to be used by the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. The equipment will be used by the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant for mixing and diffusion of chemicals.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of City Code Chapter 329 relating to competitive bidding (RFQ021479). One hundred twenty-six (126) bidders were solicited and one bid was received and opened on April 28, 2022.

After a review of the bid, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage recommends an award be made for all items to BissNuss, Inc. in the amount of \$213,488.10 (which includes a contingency fund of \$10,166.10) as the only responsive, responsible and best bidder.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency designation is requested to avoid a price increase due to rising material costs.

SUPPLIER: BissNuss, Inc., Vendor#006641, CC#34-1392362 expires 1/26/24, Majority Vendor

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: \$213,488.10 (which includes a contingency fund of \$10,166.10) was budgeted for this purchase.

\$94,902.00 was spent in 2021
\$163,735.00 was spent in 2020

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with BissNuss, Inc. for the purchase of six Water Champ Chemical Inductor Units for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and to authorize the expenditure of \$213,488.10 from the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund, and to declare an emergency. (\$213,488.10)

WHEREAS, the Water Champ Chemical Inductor Units are used by the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant for mixing and diffusion of chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office opened formal bids on April 28, 2022 for the purchase of Water Champ Chemical Inductor Units for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage and Drainage recommends an award be made to the only responsive, responsible and best bidder, BissNuss, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the expenditure of up to \$213,488.10 (which includes a contingency funds of \$10,166.10) from the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with BissNuss, Inc., in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications of Solicitation Number: RFQ021479 on file in the Purchasing Office to avoid a price increase due to rising material costs; 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 to enter into a contract with BissNuss, Inc. for the purchase of six Water Champ Chemical Inductor Units for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, in accordance with RFQ021479 specifications on file in the Purchasing Office.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$213,488.10 (which includes a contingency fund of \$10,166.10), or as much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100 (Sanitary Sewer Operating); in Object Class 06 Capital Outlay per the accounting codes in the attachment 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.