



## Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an unplanned modification of the contract with Roberts Service Group, Inc. for electric power system maintenance services for various Department of Public Utilities facilities.

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has various electric power equipment at the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD), the Division of Power (DOP), and the Division of Water (DOW) that requires maintenance services. This equipment is located throughout the facilities associated with DPU's sewage and storm water collection systems and water distribution system, including at the two (2) Wastewater Treatment Plants, Compost Facility, Sewer Maintenance Operations Center, and three (3) Water Treatment Plants. The equipment is also located at various electric substations that service the City of Columbus and its satellite communities.

The work performed under the current contract is for electric power distribution systems and their components that require inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair or replacement, with the majority of the work for industrial equipment and systems ranging from 120V to 15.5 kV. The contract also covers inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair or replacement work on equipment and systems >15.5 kV to 138 kV that requires a contractor or subcontractor with highly specialized experience in high voltage equipment.

The Department of Public Utilities advertised Request for Proposals for the subject services in the City Bulletin in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code. Two hundred and two (202) vendors were solicited (RFQ10714), and four (4) proposals were received and opened on November 7, 2018. The evaluation and final ranking was based upon the criteria in the Request for Proposal and Roberts Service Group, Inc. was determined to be the most qualified responder to provide the necessary electric power system maintenance services.

The original contract, PO153604, was established for a period of one (1) year with three (3) additional one (1) year renewal options contingent upon mutual agreement, availability of funding and approval by Columbus City Council. This is the second modification and it extends the fourth and final year of the contract.

This modification #2 is for the Division of Power to repair a failed substation that supports the O'Shaughnessy Dam. The modification will extend the contract six (6) months to July 16, 2023 to account for the contractor's lead-time in acquiring the necessary equipment. The estimated amount of the modification is \$1,300,000.00. All terms and conditions of the original agreement remain in full force and effect.

1. Amount of additional funds: Total amount of additional funds needed for this contract modification #2 is ADD \$1,300,000.00 Total contract amount including this modification is \$6,126,921.00.
2. Reason additional funds were not foreseen: This modification was unplanned because of a failed substation that supports the O'Shaughnessy Dam.
3. Reason other procurement processes not used: The time sensitive nature of the repairs and that the work under this modification is within the scope of the original bid contract. No lower pricing/more attractive terms and conditions are anticipated at this time.
4. How cost was determined: The cost to repair the failed substation is in accordance with current market

conditions for the necessary services and equipment.

**SUPPLIER:**

Roberts Service Group, Inc. | Federal EIN 31-0858835 | D365 Vendor #004397 | Expires 8/24/2023  
Roberts Service Group, Inc. holds WBE status.

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:**

\$1,300,000.00 is needed for this contract modification for the Division of Power.

\$321,196.88 has been spent in 2022

\$478,925.81 was spent in 2021

\$731,825.91 was spent in 2020

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:**

This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency in order to repair a failed substation that supports the O'Shaughnessy Dam. The ordinance will add funding and extend the duration of the contract to account for the contractor's lead-time in acquiring the necessary equipment.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify and extend the electric power system maintenance services contract with Roberts Service Group, Inc. for the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power, to authorize the expenditure of \$1,300,000.00 from the Electricity Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,300,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities has a contract with Roberts Service Group, Inc. for electric power system maintenance services for the various divisions of the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing contract provides maintenance services for electric power distribution systems and their components that require inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair or replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the work is on industrial equipment and systems ranging from 120V to 15.5 KV, though there may also be inspection, testing, maintenance, and repair or replacement work on equipment and systems >15.5 kV to 138 kV that require a contractor or subcontractor with highly specialized experience in high voltage equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the original contract language allowed for a one (1) year contract with the option to renew the agreement for three (3) additional years contingent upon mutual agreement, budgeted funds and approval by City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, other Department facilities may be added in the future by modification, and if unforeseen issues or difficulties are encountered that require additional funding, another ordinance would be processed for the needed funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to increase and extend PO153604 with Roberts Service Group, Inc. for electric power system maintenance services to repair a failed substation that supports the O'Shaughnessy Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract modification #2 will provide the additional funding and time necessary to repair the substation supporting the Dam; and

**WHEREAS**, the vendor has agreed to increase and extend PO153604 and it is in the best interest of the City to exercise this option; and

**WHEREAS**, that the expenditure of \$1,300,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6300, Electricity Operating Fund, in object class 03, Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Power, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to modify and extend the current contract for electric power system maintenance services with Roberts Service Group, Inc. without delay in order to repair a failed substation that supports the O'Shaughnessy Dam, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to increase and extend contract No. PO153604 with Roberts Service Group, Inc., 820 North Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204, for electric power system maintenance services for the Department of Public Utilities. Total amount of modification #2 is ADD \$1,300,000.00. Total contract amount including this modification is \$6,126,921.00. This modification will extend the contract through and including July 16, 2023.

**SECTION 2.** That this modification is in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to contract modifications.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$1,300,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6300, Electricity Operating Fund, in object class 03, Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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 6.** 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.