



## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Technology (DoT) to enter into a professional services agreement with OST Inc., to provide consulting services through the State of Ohio's Managed Services Provider contract, 0A1300, which has an expiration date of 6/30/2023, in the amount of \$1,089,704.00. The term of this contract will be for one year from the date of a certified purchase order from the City Auditor's office.□□□

This contract will provide short term professional services to support DoT for operational needs for email, authentication services, VoIP, business system analysts, program management, operating systems, GIS, boundary networking, storage, and databases.

This short term professional services contract will enable DoT to continue to provide services to the City of Columbus as it continues to work to become fully staffed.

Additionally, due to the immediate need for these services, the Department requests waiver of the relevant sections of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes pertaining to competitive bidding.

Finally, this ordinance authorizes the expenditure of \$1,089,704.00 for the above described services.

### **EMERGENCY**

Emergency action is requested as there is an immediate need for these services so there is no interruption in city operations.

### **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE**

Vendor Name: OST Inc.; FID/CC#: 52-2175314; Expiration Date: 08/31/2024

DAX Vendor Account # 042892

To authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to enter into a professional services agreement with OST Inc. for short term professional support services via the State of Ohio's Managed Services Provider contract, 0A1300; to waive relevant sections of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes pertaining to competitive bidding; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,089,704.00 from the Information Services Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,089,704.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Technology has a need for short term professional services to support DoT for operational needs for email, authentication services, VoIP, business system analysts, program management, operating systems, GIS, boundary networking, storage, and databases; and

**WHEREAS**, these services can be obtained from OST Inc. via the State of Ohio's Managed Services Provider contract, 0A1300; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the immediate need for the above-described services, it has been determined to be in the City's best interests to waive the relevant sections of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes pertaining to competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Technology to enter into a professional services

agreement with OST Inc. for the above-mentioned services for a term of one year from the date of a certified purchase order from the City Auditor's office at a cost of up to \$1,089,704.00; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Technology in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a professional services agreement with OST Inc., via the State of Ohio's Managed Services Provider contract, 0A1300, so there is no interruption in city operations, for the preservation of 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 Technology is hereby authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with OST Inc. for short term professional support services, via the State of Ohio's Managed Services Provider contract, 0A1300, for a term of one year from the date of a certified purchase order from the City Auditor's office at a cost of up to \$1,089,704.00.

**SECTION 2.** That this Council finds it in the City's best interest to waive the relevant sections of Chapter 329 of Columbus City Codes pertaining to competitive bidding to enter into this agreement.

**SECTION 3:** That the expenditure of \$1,089,704.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be expended as shown in the attachment to this ordinance (see 2605-2022EXP).

**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 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 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.