



Legislation Text

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..Explanation

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to establish a Universal Term Contract (UTC) for the option to purchase Laboratory, Specialty and Industrial Gases with Airgas USA LLC. The specialty and industrial gases will be used by various City agencies for laboratory, welding, medical and shop use. The term of the proposed option contract would be approximately two (2) years, expiring November 30, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year. The Purchasing Office opened formal bids on September 29, 2022. In addition, the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025.

The Purchasing Office advertised and solicited competitive bids in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 329.06 relating to competitive bidding (Request for Quotation No. RFQ022853). One (1) bid was received.

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

Airgas USA LLC, CC# 009314 expires 10/24/2024, Items 1-88, \$1.00
Total Estimated Annual Expenditure: \$75.000.00, Various City Agencies

Emergency Designation: The Finance and Management Department respectfully requests this legislation to be considered an emergency ordinance to ensure that gases are available for laboratory, welding, medical and shop use.

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 BRPO002025. City Agencies 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 Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Laboratory, Specialty and Industrial Gases with Airgas USA LLC; to authorize the expenditure of \$1.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$1.00).

WHEREAS, the Laboratory, Specialty and Industrial Gases UTC will provide for the purchase of specialty and industrial gases needed for laboratory, welding, medical and shop use; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office advertised and solicited formal bids on September 29, 2022 and selected the overall lowest, responsive, responsible and best bidder; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Laboratory, Specialty and Industrial Gases so these gases are readily available for laboratory, welding, medical and shop use by various city agencies, 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 Universal Term Contract for the option to purchase Laboratory, Specialty, and Industrial Gases in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ022853 for a term of approximately two (2) years, expiring November 30, 2024, with the option to renew for one (1) additional year, as follows:

Airgas USA LLC, Items 1-88, \$1.00

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$1.00 is hereby authorized from General Budget Reservation BRPO002025 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.