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**CATS Bus Farebox Parts**

**Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of farebox parts by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with GFI Genfare (SPX) for the purchase of farebox parts for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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**Sole Source Exemption**

- NC General Statute 143-129(e)(6) provides that formal bidding requirements do not apply when:
  - Performance or price competition are not available;
  - A needed product is available from only one source or supply; or
  - Standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary because the farebox parts must be interchangeable and compatible with the existing GFI Genfare transit bus fareboxes. The only source of supply for repair parts is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM).
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

**Explanation**

- The Charlotte Area Transit System’s Bus Operations Division uses proprietary OEM parts in the maintenance and repair of the GFI Genfare fareboxes on the transit buses.
- The proprietary parts meet the required specification and standards to properly maintain operation of the fareboxes.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$228,000.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: CATS Operating Budget