



## Legislation Text

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### **Airport Ground Power Unit and Pre-Conditioned Air Unit Parts**

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of ground power unit and pre-conditioned air unit parts by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a unit price contract with ITW GSE, Inc. for the purchase of ground power unit and pre-conditioned air unit parts for a 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.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Sole Source Exemption**

- North Carolina G.S. 143-129 (e)(6) states 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 for this contract because there is only one supply source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exemption.

#### **Explanation**

- Aviation owns and maintains 113 passenger boarding bridges. The ground power units (GPU) and pre-conditioned air (PC air) units are integral components of the boarding bridges as they provide regulated power and air conditioning to the aircraft.
- ITW GSE, Inc. is the manufacturer of parts required for the maintenance of existing PC Air and GPU units.
- ITW GSE, Inc. is the only manufacturer who can provide performance standards, standardization, and compatibility with existing equipment.
- Annual estimated expenditures are \$350,000.

#### **Charlotte Business INCLusion**

This is a sole source contract and is exempt from the CBI Program.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: Aviation Operating Budget