

## Legislation Text

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### Air Fill Station Equipment

**Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of air-fill station equipment by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Safe Air Systems, for Bauer Unitized Air System equipment, 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**

- NC General Statute Section 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 for this contract because the needed product is available from only one source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

**Explanation**

- This contract will provide Bauer Unitized Air System equipment at five new firehouses during construction.
- Compressed breathing air recharging systems are utilized to compress ambient air for use in Self Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment.
- The city currently utilizes the Bauer compressed air recharging stations. The stations are strategically located at firehouses throughout the city and firefighters are trained on use.
- At renewal, potential price adjustments may be considered based on legitimate and justified increases in the cost of doing business. The ability to consider price adjustments also allows the city to accept decreases, if warranted.
- Total expenditures are estimated to be \$440,000.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

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

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan