

Legislation Text

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Transit Bus Automated Wheel Rim Maintenance Machine

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of automated wheel rim polisher by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Vehicle Inspection Systems, for the purchase of Transit bus automated wheel polisher for the term of one year, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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Sole Source Exemption

- NC General Statute Section 143-129(e)(6) provides that the 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 a needed product is available from only one source or supply.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exemption.

Explanation

- CATS currently operates a fleet of 252 transit buses and 83 paratransit buses. Use of this automated wheel rim maintenance machine:
 - provides the ability to identify cracks and structural damage on revenue vehicle wheels which may result in service disruptions or delays,
 - maintains a clean vehicle appearance,
 - increases efficiencies, and
 - requires no manual operation, thus reducing injury risks and labor cost.
- Estimated expenditure is \$124,467.

Charlotte Business INclusion

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

Fiscal Note

Funding: CATS Capital Investment Plan