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# Legislation Details (With Text)

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## **Laboratory Microbiology Supplies**

## **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of laboratory microbiology supplies, by the sole source exemption,
- B. Approve a contract with IDEXX Distribution, Inc. for the purchase of laboratory microbiology supplies for the term of five years, and
- C. Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.

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

Angela Charles, Charlotte Water Jackie Jarrell, Charlotte Water Myra Thompson, Charlotte Water

## **Sole Source Exemption**

- G.S. 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 and compatibility are the overriding considerations.
- 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**

- This contract provides supplies which are required to retain the laboratory's regulatory agency certifications that ensure compliance with state and federal mandated water quality standards.
- The laboratory conducts approximately 200,000 water quality tests per year to protect public health and the environment.
- Staff uses a specific set of complex, proprietary, analytical testing equipment and materials from IDEXX Distribution, Inc. to fulfill these responsibilities.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$135,000.

#### **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**

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Funding: Charlotte Water Operating Budget