

Legislation Text

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Charlotte Water Laboratory Supplies and Equipment Purchases

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of laboratory equipment and supplies, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), and**
- B. Approve a contract with Horizon Technology, Incorporated, for the purchase of laboratory equipment and supplies for the term of three years.**

Staff Resource(s):

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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 or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- Sole sourcing is necessary for this contract because standardization and compatibility with existing equipment and analytical methods is the overriding consideration.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- Laboratory Services of Charlotte Water conducts approximately 200,000 tests per year using supplies from various manufacturers.
- The Laboratory's regulatory certification requires staff to use a specific set of proprietary testing supplies from Horizon Technology, Inc. to fulfill some of these analytical responsibilities.
- Horizon Technology, Inc. gives Charlotte Water volume-based discounts for these supplies.
- The first year's expenditures include replacement of one aging piece of equipment included in the FY 2017 Capital Equipment Replacement List.
- Annual expenditures under the contract are estimated to be \$64,000 in the first year and \$28,000 in the following years.

Charlotte Business INclusion

This is a sole source contract and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Charlotte Water Operating Budget