

Legislation Text

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Water Laboratory Chemicals, Supplies, and Equipment

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of laboratory chemicals, supplies, and equipment from state contract as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9),**
- B. Approve a contract with Fisher Scientific for the purchase of laboratory chemicals, supplies, and equipment for the term of the current State Term Contract 493A - Laboratory Supplies and Equipment,**
- C. Approve a contract with VWR International for the purchase of laboratory chemicals, supplies, and equipment for the term of the current State Term Contract 493A - Laboratory Supplies and Equipment, and**
- D. Authorize the City Manager to extend these contracts for additional one-year terms as long as the state contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the state contract.**

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State Contract Exemption

G.S. 143-129(e)(9) allows local government to purchase from state contracts if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those established under the state contract.

Explanation

- Fisher Scientific and VWR International are willing to provide lab chemicals, supplies, and equipment to the City at the same or better terms as are provided in its contract with the state of North Carolina.
- Charlotte Water Environmental Laboratory Services monitors water and wastewater samples, conducting more than 215,000 water quality tests per year, to protect public health and the environment.
- The laboratory supplies, equipment, and chemicals will be used at Charlotte Water's Environmental Services Facility laboratory and at the water and wastewater treatment facilities to monitor the treatment process and ensure compliance with state and federally mandated water quality standards and regulations.
- This does not include treatment process chemicals but it is part of monitoring the treatment process and maintaining compliance with EPA regulations.
- The term of the state contract is from November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2020 with possible extensions.
- Annual expenditures with Fisher Scientific are estimated to be \$350,000 per year.

- Annual expenditures with VWR International are estimated to be \$140,000 per year.

Charlotte Business INclusion

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

Fiscal Note

Funding: Charlotte Water Operating Budget