

## Legislation Text

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### Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Caterpillar Generators

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of Caterpillar Generators from a cooperative purchasing contract as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(3),**
- B. Approve a unit price contract with Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company for the purchase of Caterpillar Generators for a term of three years under the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) contract #120617-CAT dated January 29, 2018, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for additional one-year terms as long as the cooperative contract is in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the cooperative contract.**

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

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#### **Cooperative Purchasing Exemption**

NC S.L. 2001-328, effective January 1, 2002, authorizes competitive group purchasing.

#### **Explanation**

- Generators are routinely required by Engineering and Property Management, Aviation, Charlotte Water, CDOT and other City departments to provide sufficient emergency and backup power to support current and future operating demands.
- A cooperative purchasing agreement results from the consolidation and competitive solicitation of multiple public agency requirements. By aggregating common needs, all agencies are able to leverage economies of scale, such as volume discounts, improved terms and conditions, reduced administrative costs, and access to professional and technical expertise that can be utilized on a local, regional, and national level.
- Caterpillar has a contract awarded by NJPA that offers competitively-obtained contracts to public agencies nationwide and designates Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company as the authorized Caterpillar dealer for Charlotte.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$500,000.

#### **Charlotte Business INclusion**

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

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: Department Operating Budget