

Legislation Text

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Gas Monitoring Equipment Purchase

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of new Radius BZ1 Area gas detection equipment and RGX Gateway equipment as authorized by sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129 (e)(6), and**
- B. Approve a one-time purchase with Industrial Scientific for the purchase of Radius BZ1 Area Monitor Units and RGX Gateway Units.**

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 is 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 there is only one supply source.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exemption.

Explanation

- The Charlotte Fire Department includes a Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) response team that operates out of two separate fire stations (Stations 13 and 32, in Council Districts 2 and 7 respectively).
- The state of North Carolina has seven Regional Response Team Divisions. Regional Response Team Division seven includes eight counties: Mecklenburg, Union, Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Gaston, and Cleveland.
- Hazmat response teams are called to monitor areas that have experienced spills or may have harmful gases in or around the area.
- Equipment currently employed for gas detection is over 15 years old and beyond the expected useful life.
- This purchase will include 20 Radius BZ1 Area Monitors and six RGX Gateway Units and includes 48 months of live monitoring subscription service.
- This equipment will be used in conjunction with similar equipment being purchased by the state to ensure that monitoring equipment is compatible and current.
- Contract expenditures are estimated to be \$212,421.

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

Funding: General Grants Fund