

Legislation Text

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CATS Rail Parts and Repairs

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of transit rail parts and repairs, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Knorr-Bremse Powertech Corp. USA and with Knorr Brake Co. for the purchase of transit rail related parts and repairs for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew each contract for up to five, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend each contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

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

Explanation

- CATS rail operations division uses original equipment manufacturer (OEM) rail parts in the daily maintenance and repair of the light rail cars, trolley cars, and rail infrastructure.
- The proprietary OEM parts meet the required specifications and standards to keep the light rail cars, trolley cars, and rail infrastructure systems in proper operating condition and to maintain the warranty.
- Rail related parts and repairs will be ordered on an "as needed" basis. The contract amount is based on prior usage, required inventory stock levels and the additional light rail cars brought into service with the opening of the Blue Line Extension.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$150,000 for Knorr-Bremse Powertech Corp. USA and \$325,000 with Knorr Brake Co.

Charlotte Business INclusion

No subcontracting goal was established for this contract because there are no subcontracting opportunities. (Part C: Section 2.1(a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: CATS Operating Budget