

Legislation Text

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Ventis Pro Series Gas Monitoring Equipment Purchase

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of new Ventis Pro Series Gas Monitoring Equipment, by the sole source exemption, and**
- B. Approve a contract with Industrial Scientific for the purchase of Ventis Pro Series Gas Monitoring Equipment 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.
- City Council approval is required for purchases made under the sole source exemption.

Explanation

- The Charlotte Fire Department includes a Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) response team that operates out of two fire stations (Stations 13 and 32, in Council Districts 2 and 7 respectively).
- Hazmat response teams are called to monitor areas that have experienced spills or may have harmful gases in or around the area.
- This equipment will be utilized throughout the Charlotte Urban Area Security Initiative region which includes Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Gaston, Stanly, and Iredell counties.
- Current equipment employed for this use is over 12 years old and beyond the expected useful life.
- This purchase will include 77 pieces of gas monitoring equipment.
- Total contract expenditures are estimated to be \$218,000.

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: Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funding