

## Legislation Text

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### Water Quality Laboratory Testing Equipment and Supplies

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of water quality laboratory testing equipment and supplies, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Hach Company for the purchase of water quality laboratory testing equipment and supplies for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

#### **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 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 standardization and compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- The City Council must approve purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- This contract will provide for water quality analytical instruments and supplies needed to test for compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Hach Company is the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of chemical, sampling, and testing equipment required to meet these regulations.
- Total annual expenditures are estimated to be \$470,000.

#### **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: Charlotte Water Capital Investment Plan and Operating Budget