

## Legislation Text

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### Airport Aircraft Pre-Conditioned Air System Parts

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of pre-conditioned Air System Parts, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Twist Aero LLC for the purchase of aircraft pre-conditioned air system parts 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 there is only one supply source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- Aviation owns and maintains 89 passenger loading bridges. The pre-conditioned air system parts are integral components of the loading bridges as they provide regulated air conditioning to the aircraft.
- Twist Aero LLC is the manufacturer of this specialized airport equipment, and the original equipment manufacturer parts are required to maintain performance standards, standardization, and compatibility with existing equipment.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$150,000.
- This activity is occurring on airport property, located in Council District 3.

#### **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: Aviation Operating Budget