

Legislation Text

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CATS Wheelchair Lift Replacement Parts

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of bus wheelchair lift replacement parts, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Hogan Mfg. Inc. for the purchase of bus wheelchair-lift replacement parts for the term of three years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to one, two-year term with possible price adjustments and to amend the 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 compatibility of replacement parts to the existing wheelchair lift mechanism is an overriding consideration.
- City Council approval is required for purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- CATS Bus Operations requires replacement parts to maintain the bus wheelchair lift mechanism to properly and safely maintain the wheelchair lift for ridership.
- Hogan Mfg. Inc. is the supplier of wheelchair lifts and replacement parts to Gillig-brand buses which constitute a substantial portion of the CATS bus fleet.
- Maintaining wheelchair lifts in proper condition is necessary to sustain CATS' services to customers.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$45,000.

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: CATS Operating Budget