

## Legislation Text

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### Charlotte Water Lab Supplies and Equipment

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of laboratory equipment and supplies, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Biotage LLC, for the purchase of laboratory equipment and supplies for the term of five years, and**
- C. Authorize the City Manager 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 with existing equipment and analytical methods is the overriding consideration.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- The State has specific regulatory certification testing requirements which Biotage LLC satisfies.
- Charlotte Water Laboratory Services must maintain its certification with the State and will use the equipment and supplies obtained under this contract in the monitoring of oil and grease, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), and pesticides concentrations to protect the city's sanitary sewer system and the environment.
- Total contract expenditures over the five-year term are estimated to be \$450,000.

#### **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 Operating Budget and Capital Investment Plan