

Legislation Text

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CATS Light Rail Parts and Repair Services

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of parts and repair services for CATS train control and wayside equipment, by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with ALSTOM Transport for the purchase of parts and repair services for a 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 there is only one supply source.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

Explanation

- The city uses original equipment manufacturer (OEM) rail parts in the daily maintenance and repair of the CATS light rail vehicles, trolley cars, and rail infrastructure.
- ALSTOM Transport is the OEM of the train control and wayside equipment.
- This contract will supply rail repair parts, including but not limited to grade crossing and train control parts and will also allow for the city to procure services to maintain the parts.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be:
 - \$125,000 for inventory spare parts, and
 - \$25,000 for repairs.

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