

Legislation Text

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Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Equipment

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of thermoplastic pavement marking equipment, by the sole source exemption, and**
- B. Approve a contract with Mark Rite Lines Equipment Company Inc. for the purchase of thermoplastic pavement marking equipment as a one-time purchase.**

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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

- Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) maintains approximately 5,400 lane miles of city streets including the pavement markings.
- Thermoplastic is one of the materials used to install and maintain pavement markings.
- This pavement marking equipment is highly specialized with limited availability. The vendor is the only manufacturer who offers smaller, operator-ride-on units that meet CDOT's operational needs.
- The equipment being purchased includes thermoplastic applicators and hauling trailers.
- One-time expenditures are estimated to be \$360,000.

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: General Capital Equipment Fund