

## Legislation Text

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### Fire Telecommunication Control Consoles

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of Telecommunication Consoles by the sole source exemption, and**
- B. Approve a contract with SBFI Group for the purchase of Telecommunication Consoles for the term of one year.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Sole Source Exemption**

- NC General Statute Section 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.
- The City Council approval is required for purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- The Charlotte Fire Department Communications Division is a 24-hour emergency communications center. The Telecommunications Center answers and dispatches emergency calls in support of the public, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and other public-safety workers in the field.
- This contract will provide for the purchase, delivery, and installation of custom telecommunications control consoles necessary to enable and support the Charlotte Fire Department's direct engagement with the public on emergency needs.
- SBFI Group is the sole vendor capable of accommodating the current raised platform configuration and design required within the Telecommunications Center.
- In addition, SBFI's design features housings to accommodate three to five computer towers without using cabinetry. The design saves significant space creating more spacing between stations, which is important in the current environment as it relates to COVID-19 and social distancing.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$260,000.

#### **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 Investment Plan