

## Legislation Text

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### CATS Mobile Video System and Service Contract

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of a mobile video system by the sole source exemption,**
- B. Approve a contract with Transit Solutions, LLC for the purchase of a mobile video system for the term of three years,**
- C. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved, and**
- D. Authorize the City Manager to purchase such additional software licenses, services, hardware, maintenance, and support as required to maintain the system for as long as the city uses the system.**

#### **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 standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.
- City Council approval is required for any purchases made under the sole source exception.

#### **Explanation**

- Mobile video surveillance systems on CATS buses, trains, and streetcars are critical for the safety and security of our customers, staff, and city assets. Mobile video is a key part of insurance subrogation and resolving legal claims levied against the city.
- CATS currently contracts with Transit Solutions, LLC to maintain and upgrade the mobile video systems. The contract is scheduled to expire December 31, 2022.
- The mobile video surveillance system is a proprietary video system. Replacement parts for maintenance cannot be obtained through other video system vendors. If another vendor is used, it would require the entire system to be replaced if a part of the video system goes down.
- This system is American-made and meets buy America standards.
- The system is running on the city server and has been through various firewall security updates. The introduction of a new system would impose a technical risk that would require further troubleshooting.
- The total estimated cost for the five-year contract is \$3,785,792.

**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 Capital Investment Plan