



Legislation Text

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Lead Safe Program
Dept. of Neighborhoods
Beebe (x2605)

Waiving the competitive bidding requirements of TMC Chapter 187; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement(s) with Ohio-Michigan Inspection Services, LLC, DBA Lead Professionals and ASSETS Toledo for the training of lead workforce; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

This ordinance requests authorization to waive the competitive procurement requirements of TMC Chapter 187 in order to begin immediately training a lead workforce to successfully implement the Lead Safe Program and provide jobs and education to support the development of new lead inspection and lead contractor small businesses.

In the State of Ohio, a limited number of individuals are approved to provide training for the various lead licensures. In addition, only a few of these trainers are also approved by the EPA to teach the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) certification. Finally, there are only two approved trainers that host classes in the Toledo metropolitan area. Given the limited training providers, the Department of Neighborhoods requested quotes from the two viable trainers. Mr. Richard Glessner of Ohio-Michigan Inspection Services, LLC, DBA Lead Professionals, responded with the lowest quote. Lead Professionals is also more flexible in that they will teach classes on evenings and weekends to accommodate trainees and will walk each trainee through the test and licensure process, including handling the associated fees. The City's total contract with Lead Professionals will be \$185,220 for 29 classes and 348 trainees.

In order to provide long-term success for both the ordinance and inspectors, Ms. Olivia Holden of ASSETS Toledo will provide entrepreneurial training to all those who participate in our Local Lead Inspector licensures. ASSETS Toledo provides comprehensive small business education and will condense their program into a 2-day class to supplement the lead inspector training, with the option that any trainee may enroll in the regular, 13-week course for no additional fee. ASSETS Toledo will also provide post-training follow-up and support to all trainees. Additionally, ASSETS Toledo will provide their classroom on the Mercy Campus to our lead trainer for his classes for no additional fee. The City's total contract with ASSETS Toledo will be \$49,240 for 5 classes and 108 students.

A complete budget of costs, licensures provided, student and class count, is attached as EXHIBIT A.

For these reasons, the regular competitive bid process will not result in any further cost savings and would cost additional staff time and implementation delays.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That this Council finds and determines it is in the best interest of the City for the mayor to

enter into contracts with Ohio-Michigan Inspection Services, LLC, DBA Lead Professionals for \$185,220 and ASSETS Toledo for \$49,240, of which \$165,500 will be drawn from account code 1001/16200/531300/5632005STDSTD and \$68,960 will be drawn from account code 1001/16200/537410/5632005STDSTD.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds and determines it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bidding requirements of TMC Chapter 187 for the reason that no other local trainers are able to provide this kind of lead training and small business education, and additional delays would hinder the success of the lead safe program and put at risk many Toledo children for whom time is of the essence to prevent additional lead poisoning.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property of the city and for the further reason that this ordinance must be immediately effective in order to successfully implement the lead safe program and related ordinance.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Passed: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

_____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council