



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to provide approval for sole source exemption for the purchase of an Ingersoll Rand 15 horsepower two-stage T30 reciprocating air compressor and a PolySep PSG-15 oil water separator in the amount of \$23,409.11. Attached is the sole source letter and quote.

This item has been reviewed by the Purchasing Division for compliance with the request for sole source exemption. North Carolina General Statute 143-129(e)(6) ii allows local governments to be exempted from competitive bidding requirements when a sole source is available, performance or price competition for a product is not available, a needed product is available from only one source of supply, or standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.

This purchase will be funded by the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

**Background/Justification**

The Triangle Wastewater Treatment Plant operates and maintains a reclaimed water system. The hydropneumatic tank uses a compressor system which was recently replaced but this addition will allow for a redundant system. Purchasing exactly what is currently installed prevents additional funds needed to change any piping and/or setup features of the system. If the compressor system fails, the reclaimed water system will be shut down prohibiting reclaimed water supply to the Town of Cary, NIEHS/EPA Campus, and to Research Triangle Foundation HUB site costing the County money. Per Permit WQ0032821, Durham County is required to operate and maintain the system.

**Policy Impact**

This action is in accordance with Durham County Strategic Plan Goal 4: “Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity,” as this will result compliance with Reclaimed Permit WQ0032821.

**Procurement Background**

**Type of purchase**

- Goods
- Services
- Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- Construction and Repair

**Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes  No**

*Goods: Bids required if ≥ \$30,000, BOCC approval if ≥ \$90,000*

*Services: Bids required if ≥ \$30,000, BOCC approval if > \$40,000*

*Construction/Repair work: Bids required if ≥ \$30,000, BOCC approval if ≥ \$500,000*

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.



If no, why?

- Sole source exemption
- Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- State and federal contract exemption
- Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- Other (please explain)

**If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes  No**

If no, why?

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**Fiscal Impact**

The cost associated with this purchase will be funded from the Sewer Enterprise Fund FY25 Operational Budget.

**Recommendation**

The County Manager recommends the Board approve the sole source exemption for the purchase of an Ingersoll Rand 15 horsepower two-stage T30 reciprocating air compressor and a PolySep PSG-15 oil water separator in the amount of \$23,409.11.