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RESOLUTION APPROVING SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF A HANDHELD RAM SPECTROMETER FOR RAW MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION BY THE WINSTON-SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department is replacing its current HazMat ID unit due to the manufacturer's ending support for the device; and

WHEREAS, the RAM Spectrometer would be used to identify over 35,000 substances, including hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction during major events; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-129(e)(6) provides an exception for sole-source purchases that do not require formal bidding when "(i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply." Red Wave Technology is the sole manufacturer of the ThreatID GLS spectrometer; and

WHEREAS, the cost to purchase the unit would total \$85,000 and would be financed through the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance and Public Safety Committees, hereby authorize purchase of the RAM Spectrometer from Red Wave Technology in the total amount of \$85,000, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the necessary agreements for this purchase.