

## COMMENTS

### Sole Source Activity

In 2009, the value of all sole source purchases for the City totalled \$94.7 million, which represents 6% of the City's total purchases of \$1.54 billion.

Table 1, below, provides a breakdown of the total sole source purchasing activity for 2009 by reason.

Table 1: Summary of Sole Source Purchase Activity by Reason

Reason for Sole Source	Sole Source Purchase Orders and Blanket Contracts:							
	Approved by Council (over \$500,000)		Issued by PMMD (over \$50,000 & up to \$500,000)		Issued by Divisions (up to \$50,000)		TOTAL	
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
Emergency	2	1,150,000	64	10,154,370	355	2,396,603	421	13,700,973
Proprietary/ Trademark/ Patent	10	14,447,395	70	8,811,444	194	3,610,695	274	26,869,534
Utilities	0	0	0	0	13	56,221	13	56,221
Match Existing Equipment/ Service	1	5,719,034	24	2,127,707	126	1,208,439	151	9,055,180
Health & Safety Issues	0	0	32	2,533,771	45	614,343	77	3,148,114
Time Constraint	3	4,183,727	53	8,566,264	111	1,254,498	167	14,004,489
Other Reason	0	0	5	749,216	376	1,762,018	381	2,511,234
Bridging Contracts	0	0	31	5,552,382	54	696,043	85	6,248,425
Work Already Completed	0	0	22	1,181,507	52	355,744	74	1,537,251
Specialized Services	2	397,015	10	1,434,926	182	1,759,920	194	3,591,861
Confidential Matters	0	0	34	13,176,941	4	66,545	38	13,243,486
Cost Sharing	1	215,838	2	131,289	1	5,000	4	352,127
Ensure Warranty Maintenance	0	0	1	12,800	8	78,613	9	91,413
No Bids Received	0	0	1	254,400	6	73,459	7	327,859
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26,113,009</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>54,687,017</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>13,938,141</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>94,738,167</b>

Examples of the type of goods and services being sole sourced include: technology (hardware and software) maintenance and support, construction services, repair and maintenance, engineering services, legal and professional services, and training services.

### Sole Source Purchases Approved by Committee and Council

Table 2 compares the sole source contracts approved by Committee and Council in 2009 to 2008. The number of sole source contracts approved by Council in 2009 decreased by 59% as compared to 2008 (from 46 in 2008 to 19 in 2009); and the dollar value of sole source contracts decreased by 61% (from \$66 million in 2008 to \$26 million in 2009).