City of Birmingham
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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: **March 17, 2015**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services**

SUBJECT: **Purchase Larvicide Material for Mosquito Control Program**

The City currently procures its mosquito control material from Clarke Mosquito Control. The pricing on these products is government regulated by the Department of Agriculture. Clarke is the closest distributor in this area and provides these supplies to other local agencies. We have been pleased with their service and communication with staff about new trends in this area. It is determined no advantage will be gained by the City of Birmingham in bidding out this purchase. Therefore, no competitive bids were obtained for these supplies.

We have been treating the catch basins, approximately 2300, over the past eleven seasons. This has provided us with a successful program which we continue to re-evaluate. This purchase is for 10 cases of Natular XRT Tablets at $806.74/case this year. Last year the price was $902.00/case. This application will destroy the mosquito larva and prevent mosquito emergence.

The Department of Public Services recommends the purchase of this material from Clarke Mosquito Control at a price not to exceed $8,109.40 which includes shipping. The money has been budgeted in account #590-536.002-729.0000 Sewer Fund-Operating Supplies for this purchase. Reimbursement from Oakland County for the program this year is $2,648.39, identical to last year's amount.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:
To approve the purchase of the larvicide material from Clarke Mosquito Control in the amount not to exceed $8,109.40. Further, to waive the normal bidding requirements based on the government regulated pricing for this type of material. Funds for this purchase will come from the Sewer Fund-Operating Supplies account #590-536.002-729.0000.