



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a service agreement with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs for the purpose of providing services for the NPDES Stormwater and Clintonville Blueprint Monitoring Project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section.

This ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code pertaining to waiver of competitive bidding.

The City's Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requires the City to monitor discharges from its municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) during wet weather events. Monitoring and data collection services performed under this project will allow the City to meet its permit obligations. Wet weather monitoring will be performed at stormwater outfalls to characterize the change in quality and quantity of discharges from outfalls in the Clintonville Blueprint Project Area after the installation of green infrastructure (GI). Simulated storm events will be used to quantify changes on storm water quality and quantity from selected GI practices. Tasks associated with this project include all outfall sampling, laboratory analysis, laboratory data evaluation, report generation, and project management. Additional data collection and analysis will be performed to determine to what extent property values increase or decrease as a result of the installation of GI, to evaluate changes in other selected social and economic indicators, and to evaluate the effect of GI on habitat and biodiversity.

The Ohio State University Office of Sponsored Programs is a non-profit organization, and their support will ensure continued compliance with the City's Stormwater NPDES permit, measure the performance of GI installations for the purpose of improving the design and planning of future projects; and measure the economic, social, and environmental impact of a large-scale GI project on the community in which it is installed.

This contract will cover the period from date of execution through and including March 31, 2024. If unforeseen issues or difficulties are encountered that would require additional funding, a modification would be requested and is subject to and conditioned upon the approval of City Council, and appropriation and certification of funds by the City Auditor.

SUPPLIER: Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs (31-6025986), DAX #006163, Expires 3/29/2025. Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs is a Non-Profit Organization and therefore does not hold MBE/FBE status.

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$275,000.00 is budgeted and available for this program.
\$106,708.45 was spent in 2022
\$223,848.81 was spent in 2021

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a service agreement in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code pertaining to waiver of competitive bidding, with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs, for the NPDES Stormwater and Clintonville Blueprint Monitoring Project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section; and to authorize the expenditure of

\$275,000.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund. (\$275,000.00)

WHEREAS, this ordinance will authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a service agreement with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs for the purpose of providing services for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater and Clintonville Blueprint Monitoring Project for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section; and

WHEREAS, the City's Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requires the City to monitor discharges from its municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) during wet weather events; and

WHEREAS, the results of this project will attempt to characterize the seasonal types and levels of chemical constituents that are discharged from the City's storm sewer system, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities wishes to establish a service agreement in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code pertaining to a waiver of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, this contract will cover the period from date of execution through and including March 31, 2024. If unforeseen issues or difficulties are encountered that would require additional funding, a modification would be requested and is subject to and conditioned upon the approval of City Council, and appropriation and certification of funds by the City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for services with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Programs for the NPDES Stormwater and Clintonville Blueprint Monitoring Project, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Projects, 1960 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1016, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of the City Code pertaining to waiver of competitive bidding, for NPDES Stormwater and Clintonville Blueprint Monitoring Project for the Department of Public Utilities accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file in the office of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$275,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6200 Storm Sewer Operating Fund in object class 03 Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

