



Legislation Text

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This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to conduct the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) and provide support to the City of Columbus as it pertains to the Climate Disclosure Project (CDP) reporting guidelines and requirements. With the requisite experience in the energy sector and developing GHG inventories, MORPC has agreed to conduct the 2023 GHG inventory.

The City of Columbus conducts Greenhouse Gas inventories annually. These yearly data collection efforts provide transparency for monitoring progress and collectively provide the information needed to adjust and retool actions and strategies in our climate action plan. The GHG inventories are used in various internal city projects to help us understand our emissions, use data to secure financing, and by the CDP as a means of assessing Columbus' position as a climate leader among peer cities nationally and abroad.

MORPC has six major tasks in this deliverable in this contract: Data Collection completion through August; Data Management & Data Calculations and Entry completion through September; Reporting runs through September; CDP Reporting through August; and Inventory Clarifications and Updates runs the full length of the contract May - October.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: The Department of Public Utilities, Sustainability section respectfully requests this legislation be considered as an emergency in order to have the CDP reporting completed by the September 18, 2024 deadline, works needs to start now to meet that deadline. The expedited completion of this work will allow for a summer reporting window for the Climate Disclosure Project and aid in other time bound GHG inventory-related work, like the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.

SUPPLIER: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, CC-004591 expires 3/25/2024 Non-profit institution and does not hold MBE/WBE status.

MORPC 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: \$28,355.00 is needed and budgeted for this support.

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To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the purpose of conducting the City's 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory as it pertains to the Climate Disclosure Project reporting guidelines and requirements; to authorize the expenditure of \$28,355.00 from the Electricity Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency (\$28,355.00).

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will conduct the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) and provide support to the City of Columbus as it pertains to the CDP reporting guidelines and requirements; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for one (1) year, from the date of execution by the City to May 31, 2025, with the option to renew annually based upon mutual agreement, budgeted funds, and approval by City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is actively engaged in mitigating climate change and is committed to inventorying its annual greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, the expenditure of \$28,355.00 or so much thereof as is needed is authorized within the Electricity Operating fund for this agreement; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize a contract for the CDP reporting to be completed by the September 18, 2024 deadline, work needs to start now to meet that deadline and so that the contract can be timely executed and services can continue, all for the immediate 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 hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to conduct the 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory and provide support to the City as it pertain to the CDP reporting guideline and requirements.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$28,355.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6300 (Electricity Operating) 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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.