



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional consulting service agreement with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC, to support the Department of Public Utilities on various projects related to the City's renewable energy procurement and energy efficiency goals set forth in the Columbus Climate Action Plan and associated Comprehensive Energy Management Plan.

Go Sustainable Energy, LLC, will advise the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) on various renewable energy and energy efficiency matters that are of interest to DPU, the Division of Power (DOP) and Sustainable Columbus. This work will support the City's 100% municipal clean energy procurement goal by 2030 and the City's 25% municipal energy reduction goal by 2030, among other energy and efficiency goals outlined in the Columbus Climate Action Plan (2021). This work will be performed in a manner that is consistent with the City's existing power supply commitments.

The project was formally advertised (RFQ022065) on the Vendor Services and Bonfire websites from June 9, 2022 to July 8, 2022; the city received four (4) responses. All proposals were deemed responsive and were fully evaluated when the Evaluation Committee met on July 14, 2022 to submit final scores and recommended that the Renewable Energy Procurement and Energy Efficiency Support project be awarded to Go Sustainable Energy, LLC. The Director concurred.

**SUPPLIER:** Go Sustainable Energy, LLC (20-5410716, DAX#001432) expires 07/06/2024 (MAJ)

The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$380,000.00, sufficient funding has been identified within the Department of Public Utilities for these expenditures.

2021- \$156,520.00  
2020 - \$135,586.00

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional consulting service agreement with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC for various renewable energy and energy efficiency matters; to authorize the expenditure of \$23,180.00 from the Power Operating Fund, \$147,440.00 from the Water Operating Fund, \$165,300.00 from the Sanitary Operating Fund, and \$44,080.00 from the Storm Operating Fund. (\$380,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Utilities has a need for professional consulting services related to the City's renewable energy procurement and energy efficiency goals set forth in the Columbus Climate Action Plan and associated municipal Comprehensive Energy Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS,** four (4) proposals were submitted in response to RFQ022065, Renewable Energy Procurement and Efficiency Support; and

**WHEREAS,** based on the evaluation of the proposals, the Department of Public Utilities accepted the proposal as submitted by Go Sustainable Energy, LLC; and

**WHEREAS,** the term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of execution by the City of

Columbus, with the ability to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods, with funds being reviewed and approved each year by City Council and Auditor's certification of funds. This contract shall not automatically renew; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to enter into an agreement for professional consulting services related to the City's renewable energy procurement and energy efficiency goals set forth in the Columbus Climate Action Plan and associated municipal Comprehensive Energy Management Plan for the preservation of the public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into a professional consulting service agreement with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC, 5701 N. High St., Suite 112, Worthington, OH 43085 to support Department of Public Utilities on various projects related to the City's renewable energy procurement and energy efficiency goals in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement on file in the Office of the Director of Public Utilities. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year from date of execution with ability to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods upon annual approval by city authorities.

**SECTION 2.** That the said firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 3.** That this contract is in accordance with the relevant provisions of Columbus City Code Chapter 329 relating to awarding professional service contracts through requests for proposals.

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of \$380,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.