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Legislation Text

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Background: This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to provide conference support for the production of the 4th International EcoSummit.

The City of Columbus will be home to the 4th International EcoSummit September 30 through October 5, 2012. With over 1,500 delegates from over 75 countries, representing government organizations, universities, NGOs, and private environmental and resource organizations from around the world,, EcoSummit 2012 will focus on integrative aspects of all ecological sciences and their application under the theme of "Ecological Sustainability: Restoring the Planet's Ecosystem Services."

The attendees will be ecologists and environmental scientists, engineers, policy makers and business leaders that serve the industry of restoring ecosystem services. Restoration of ecosystem services involves many disciplines, including stream and wetland restoration, reforestation, bioremediation, genetic engineering, carbon capture, pharmacology, energy efficiency and production, agriculture, grassland restoration, and wildlife protection, among others, as well as support services from the engineering, education, communication, financial services and legal services industries.

Exhibitors at EcoSummit 2012 will transform the Greater Columbus Convention Center's Exhibition Hall into a world featuring the newest in sustainable products and innovations. The exhibition hall will accommodate over 200 vendors, an event stage and video/short films competition area.

Emergency action is necessary to ensure that all conference elements are in place by the September 30 opening date.

Fiscal Impact: A total of \$50,000 is available from the Get Green Columbus Grant (\$20,000) and Jobs Growth Fund (\$30,000) for this contract.

To authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 within the General Government Grant Fund, to authorize the appropriation of \$30,000 within the Jobs Growth Fund; to authorize the transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Government Grant Fund and \$30,000.00 from the Jobs Growth Fund to the General Fund; to authorize the Director of the Department of Development to enter into a contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to provide conference support for the production of the 4th International EcoSummit; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, Columbus has been selected to host over 1,500 delegates from over 75 countries for the 4th International EcoSummit September 30 - 5 October, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is coordinating EcoSummit 2012 general sessions, professional workshops, and forums covering a wide variety of ecological topics serving as the local hosts for the conference; and

WHEREAS, ecologists and environmental scientists, engineers, policy makers and business leaders that serve the industry of restoring ecosystem services make important environmental and economic development contributions to our local, national, and international community; and

WHEREAS, an authorized contract and appropriation of funds is necessary to allow the services to be performed and payments to be made without delay; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the City of Columbus in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to provide conference support for the production of the 4th International EcoSummit so that all conference elements are in place by the September 30 opening date, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **now therefore**,

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

Section 1. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$20,000 within the General Government Grant Fund, Fund No. 220, Grant No. 404001, Mayor's Office, Division No. 40-01 from Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3000 to Object Level One 10, Object Level Three 5501, OCA Code 404001.

Section 2. That from the unappropriated monies in the Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2012, the sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the City Council, Division 20-01, Object Level One 10, Object Level Three 5501, OCA Code 200115.

Section 3. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$20,000 from the General Government Grant Fund to the General Fund, as follows:

From: General Government Grant Fund, Fund 220, Grant No. 404001, Mayor's Office, Division No. 40-01, OCA Code 404001, Object Level One 10, Object Level Three 5501

To: General Fund, Fund 010, Department of Development, Division 44-01, OCA Code 440307, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 0886

Section 4. That the City Auditor be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$30,000 from the Jobs Growth Fund to the General Fund, as follows:

From: Jobs Growth Fund, Fund 015, City Council, Division 20-01, OCA Code 200115, Object Level One 10, Object Level Three 5501

To: General Fund, Fund 010, Department of Development, Division No. 44-01, OCA Code 440307 Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 0886

Section 5. That from the unappropriated monies in the General Fund, Fund No. 010, and from all monies estimated to come into said Fund from any and all sources for the period ending December 31, 2012, the sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Development, Division. No. 44-01, Object Level One - 03, Object Level Three - 3336, OCA 440307.

Section 6. That the Department of Development be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for EcoSummit 2012 related expenses.

Section 7. That for the purpose as stated in Section 6, the expenditure of \$50,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund, Fund 010, Department of Development, Department 44-01, Object Level One 03, Object Level Three 3336, OCA Code 440307.

Section 8. That this contract is awarded pursuant to Section 329.15 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959, as amended.

Section 9. 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.