



## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 2948-2015, **Version:** 1

---

**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Ohio State University/Office of Sponsored Programs, a local non-profit educational institute, for professional engineering services for the NPDES Stormwater Permit Wet Weather Monitoring Project. 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 bio diversity.

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

**SUPPLIER:** Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Projects (31-6025986-164) Non-Profit Organization

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:** Work under this project will begin January 1, 2016, and continue until no later than December 31, 2022. \$325,000.00 is needed for year 2016 and is budgeted in the 2015 Storm Sewer Operating Budget. The contract's remaining \$1,431,267.71 will cover the remaining fiscal years 2017-2022 and will be requested as part of the Storm Sewer Operating Budget in 2017.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with The Ohio State University, Office of Sponsored Projects, for NPDES Stormwater Permit Wet Weather Monitoring for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Stormwater and Regulatory Management Section, to authorize the expenditure of \$325,000.00 from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund. (\$325,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** this ordinance will authorize the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with The Ohio State University for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit Wet Weather Monitoring Project.

**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.

**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**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Department of Public Utilities, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with The Ohio State University for the NPDES Wet Weather Monitoring Project, 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 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, for NPDES Stormwater Permit Wet Weather Monitoring for professional engineering services in accordance with the terms and conditions on file in the office of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

**SECTION 2.** 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 3.** That future contract modifications, as allowed by the contract specifications, will be funded through requests in the remaining six (6) years from the Storm Sewer Operating Budget.

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of \$325,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same hereby authorized from the Storm Sewer Operating Fund, Fund No. 675 OCA675002, Object Level 1: 03, Object Level 03: 3339.

**SECTION 5.** That the said engineering firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities and the Administrator of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

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