



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional consulting service agreement to develop and assist in the Renewable Energy Project and act as the Owner's Representative with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC for the Department of Public Utilities, Department of Finance and Management, and other City Departments as needed.

The City of Columbus is committed to taking steps to mitigate and adapt to our community's changing climate. The changing climate poses risks to resident health and is expected to have a negative impact on the local economy, if steps are not taken to mitigate these harmful effects.

From 1951-2012, the annual average temperatures in Columbus warmed by 2.3 degrees F, faster than national and global rates. As our climate continues to change, Columbus can expect temperatures to further rise and precipitation to increase. To combat these changes, the City is working to reduce municipal greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

In June 2017, Mayor Ginther announced the City's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations by 40% by the year 2030 from year 2005 baseline levels and to explore a 100% renewable energy portfolio for municipal operations.

Go Sustainable Energy, LLC will serve as the City's agent to assist in the procurement of on-site renewable energy installations to serve the City's electricity load in a manner that is consistent with the City's existing power supply commitments. Go Sustainable Energy, LLC will assist in preparing future renewable energy procurement documents, evaluating proposals, verifying technical/fiscal engineering, and negotiating ownership structure, financing, and legal contracts with vendors and/or utilities.

As the Owner's Representative, Go Sustainable Energy, LLC, will also review and evaluate the financial impact the proposed renewable energy project would have on the City's Division of Power's revenue in the short-term (initial 5 years), medium-term (5-10 years), and long-term (10 years and beyond). Go Sustainable Energy, LLC will also review and evaluate the anticipated capital and operating costs and/or savings for the City associated with the renewable energy projects evaluated in the short-term, medium-term, and long-term.

**SUPPLIER:** Go Sustainable Energy, LLC (20-5410716, DAX#001432) expires 08/13/2020 (MAJ)  
The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$199,740.00, sufficient funding has been identified within the Department of Public Utilities for these expenditures.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional service agreement with Go Sustainable Energy, LLC as the Renewable Energy Owner's Representative; to authorize the expenditure of \$12,184.14 from the Power Operating Fund, \$77,499.12 from the Water Operating Fund, \$86,886.90 from the Sanitary Operating Fund, and \$23,169.84 from the Storm Operating Fund. (\$199,740.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Utilities has a need for professional services related to the Renewable Energy Owner's Representative Project; and

**WHEREAS**, three proposals were submitted in response to RFQ009749, Renewable Energy Owner's Representative; 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**, services are to be provided over a period of one year with the ability to renew the contract for two additional one-year periods, with funds being reviewed and approved each year by City Council and Auditor's certification of funds; 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 renewable energy 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 to develop and assist in the Renewable Energy Project and act as the Owner's Representative in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement on file in the Office of the Director of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$199,740.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the said firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.