



## 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 Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan with Arup USA, Inc. for the Department of Public Utilities, Department of Finance and Management, Department of Public Service, Department of Public Safety, Department of Development, Department of Public Health, Department of Building and Zoning, Department of Technology, Recreation and Parks Department, 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 recommitted the City to the Global Covenant of Mayors and as part of that commitment, the City will adopt a Climate Adaptation Plan that is focused on mitigation strategies to reduce GHG emissions from municipal and community sources.

Arup USA, Inc. will assist the Department of Public Utilities, Department of Finance and Management, Department of Public Service, Department of Public Safety, Department of Development, Department of Public Health, Department of Building and Zoning, Department of Technology, Recreation and Parks Department, and other City Departments in the development of a Climate Action Plan that is technically feasible and economically reasonable to mitigate GHG emissions.

This legislation also authorizes the transfer of \$60,000 between Object Classes within the General Fund from Division 4501 - Financial Management - City Wide account to Division 4550 - Office of the Finance Director to provide the funds necessary for the Department of Finance and Management's portion of the expenditures.

**SUPPLIER:** Arup USA, Inc. (06-1539147, DAX#012606) expires 04/02/2020 (MAJ)  
The company is not debarred according to the Excluded Party Listing System of the Federal Government.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding has been identified within the Department of Public Utilities in the amount of \$60,000; and within the Department of Public Service in the amount of \$60,000 for these expenditures. There is a need to transfer \$60,000 within the General Fund for the Department of Finance and Management's portion for these expenditures.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** This ordinance is being submitted as an emergency in order to align budget authority with projected expenditures and to allow the work being performed under this contract to begin without delay.

To authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$60,000.00 within the General Fund; to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a professional service agreement with Arup USA, Inc. for development of the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,660.00 from the Electricity Operating Fund, \$23,280.00 from the Water Operating Fund, \$26,100.00 from the Sanitary Operating Fund, \$6,960.00 from the Storm Operating Fund, \$60,000.00 from the Public Service Department Operating Fund, and \$60,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an

emergency. (\$180,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities, Department of Finance and Management, Department of Public Service, Department of Public Safety, Department of Development, Department of Public Health, Department of Building and Zoning, Department of Technology, and Recreation and Parks Department (the Departments) have a need for professional services related to the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, nine proposals were submitted in response to RFQ010667, Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the evaluation of the proposals, the Department of Public Utilities accepted the proposal submitted by Arup USA, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, services are to be provided over a period of two years, with funds being reviewed and approved each year by City Council and the Auditor's certification of funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Finance and Management has a need to transfer \$60,000 between Object Classes within the General Fund from Division 4501 - Financial Management - City Wide Account to Division 4550 - Office of the Finance Director to provide the funds necessary for the Department of Finance and Management's portion of the expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Departments in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the transfer of funds within the General Fund in order to align budget authority with projected expenditures; and to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for professional consulting services related to the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan to allow the work to begin without delay 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 transfer of \$60,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized within Fund 1000 General Fund per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 2.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into a professional consulting service agreement with Arup USA, Inc. to develop and assist with the Sustainable Columbus Climate Action Plan in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement on file in the Office of the Director of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$180,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** That the said firm shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities.

**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 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.