



Legislation Text

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The purpose of this legislation is to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for the Central Scioto River Biological and Water Quality Assessment project, with Midwest Biodiversity Institute to assess the biology and water quality in the Scioto River, Olentangy River and other area waterways for continued support of complying with the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program and Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The timeline for this contract is anticipated to be from date of execution by the City of Columbus through and including December 31, 2021. This project will provide information about the health of area waterways to measure water quality improvements being made as a result of the City's ongoing operations and capital improvement program projects under Blueprint Columbus and at the City's WWTPs.

The assessment includes large river nutrient parameters consistent with the approach used in regulatory rulemaking and additional parameters commonly included in the assessment of urban Stormwater impacts. The bioassessment includes fish, habitat and macroinvertebrate sampling; the water quality assessment includes chemical sampling of nutrient, metals, toxics, organics and demand parameters.

Midwest Biodiversity Institute will prepare and submit final reports consistent with the standards under the Ohio Credible Data Law and Regulations.

This ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to not-for-profit service contracts.

SUPPLIER: Midwest Biodiversity Institute FID #31-1559845, DAX #005569, Pending Certification.
Midwest Biodiversity Institute is a Non-Profit Organization and does not hold MBE/FBE status.

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: \$238,173.22 is budgeted and available within the Sewerage System Operating Fund for this purchase.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement with Midwest Biodiversity Institute for the Central Scioto River Biological and Water Quality Assessment project in accordance with the not-for-profit service contract provisions of the City Code for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, and to authorize the expenditure of \$238,173.22 from the Sewerage System Operating Fund. (\$238,173.22)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities has a need to enter into an agreement with Midwest Biodiversity Institute to assess the biology and water quality in the Scioto River, Olentangy River and other area waterways for continued support of complying with the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program and Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); and

WHEREAS, the Midwest Biodiversity Institute is a scientific research and education non-profit organization dedicated to the development and application of scientific methods and techniques to evaluate, protect and restore the environment; and

WHEREAS, the assessment includes large river nutrient parameters consistent with the approach used in regulatory rulemaking and additional parameters commonly included in the assessment of urban Stormwater impacts. The bioassessment includes fish, habitat and macroinvertebrate sampling; the water quality assessment includes chemical sampling of nutrient, metals, toxics, organics and demand parameters; and

WHEREAS, Midwest Biodiversity Institute will prepare and submit final reports consistent with the standards under the Ohio Credible Data Law and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the timeline for this contract is anticipated to be from date of execution by the City of Columbus through and including December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if unforeseen issues or difficulties are encountered that would require additional funding, a modification would be requested; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is being submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to not-for-profit service contracts, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, Division of Sewerage and Drainage, to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into an agreement for the Central Scioto River Biological and Water Quality Assessment project with Midwest Biodiversity Institute; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Midwest Biodiversity Institute, 4673 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026, for the Central Scioto River Biological and Water Quality Assessment project, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to not-for-profit service contracts, for the Division of Sewerage and Drainage. Total contract amount is \$238,173.22.

SECTION 2. That said 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 3. That the expenditure of \$238,173.22 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 6100 Sewerage System Operating Fund in object class 03 Services in the amount of \$188,947.22; and in object class 06 Capital Outlay in the amount of \$49,226.00 per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

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 the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

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