



Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract on behalf of the Office of Construction Management with Trebel LLC for the Sustainable Columbus Community Choice Aggregation project. The purpose of this project is to implement a program that provides City of Columbus residents and small commercial retail companies a means to pool their aggregate demand for electric and/or natural gas accounts, so that economies of scale can be used to purchase energy at a reduced cost and increased use of renewable energy sources. The primary goals of the City’s electric and/or natural gas aggregation program will be to 1) provide competitive retail energy supply costs for Columbus citizens; 2) support renewable energy development, especially local renewable energy generation, to advance Columbus’ sustainable economy; and 3) to ensure that supplier(s) provide quality, reliable service and first-rate customer service.

Trebel LLC will assist the City with developing a Community Choice Aggregation program (before and after the City’s ballot initiative), which will include implementing a communications plan to support the City’s Community Choice Aggregation ballot initiative, assisting the City in all steps to obtain certification from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to become a government aggregator for electric and/or natural gas supply, and developing an RFP for electric and/or natural gas supply for Columbus residents and small commercial retail electric and/or natural gas accounts.

The Department of Finance and Management, Office of Construction Management, solicited Request for Proposals for the implementation of the Sustainable Columbus Community Choice Aggregation project. The project was formally advertised on the Vendor Services website. On February 9, 2020 the City received five (5) responses (0 AS1, 0 FBE, 0 MBE,) as listed. All proposals were deemed responsive and were fully evaluated by the Evaluation Committee:

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>AS1/FBE/MBE</u>
Aspen Energy	Columbus	EBOCC
Consultants, Inc.	Columbus	EBOCC
Energy Alliances, Inc.	Columbus	EBOCC
Independent Energy, Inc.	Columbus	N/A
Scioto Energy	Columbus	EBOCC
Trebel LLC	Columbus	EBOCC

Trebel LLC was the offeror with whom the Department of Finance and Management was able to successfully negotiate a contract and the Department therefore recommends that the contract be awarded to Trebel LLC .

Trebel LLC Contract Compliance No. 27-3437017

**Emergency** action is requested so that energy efficiency initiatives can commence as soon as possible.

**Fiscal Impact:** No funding is required for this legislation. Trebel LLC will be paid for services through an administrative fee per megawatt, kilowatt hour, or similar usage metric by the energy supplier for the City of Columbus’ aggregation program(s) initial energy supply term.

To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract, on behalf of the Office of Construction Management, with Trebel LLC for the Sustainable Columbus Community Choice Aggregation project; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Finance and Management Department, Office of Construction Management desires to enter into a contract for Sustainable Columbus Community Choice Aggregation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Construction Management, solicited Request for Proposals for the Sustainable Columbus Community Choice Aggregation and Trebel LLC is the company selected by the evaluation committee as best able to meet the needs of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Finance and Management, Office of Construction Management, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a contract with Trebel LLC for the Sustainable Columbus Choice Aggregation so that these necessary energy initiatives can be implemented as soon as possible, thereby, preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; **now, therefore**

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Finance and Management Director is hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Office of Construction Management with Trebel LLC for implementation of the Sustainable Columbus Choice Aggregation program.

**SECTION 2.** That no funding from the City is required for this contract. The energy supplier shall be responsible for payments to Trebel LLC.

**SECTION 3.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure and shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.