



Legislation Text

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1. BACKGROUND

This ordinance authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a contract renewal with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and Dehaven, dba GPD Group, Inc., for the Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) project, CIP #670868-100001, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.00.

The Division of Power (DOP) has lost several staff members in recent years. This General Engineering Services contract has been used to supplement DOP design resources to ensure projects stay on track. Services to be performed include providing designs to connect new customers, reviewing applications for Joint Use, and designing the work required for the Division to complete in conjunction with the installation of solar on the system by NextEra. There is also design and analysis work that is required relating to the O'Shaughnessy hydro project to ensure that as the new plant comes online it will interconnect properly. This is work that cannot be provided exclusively by City personnel.

The Community Planning Area is 99 - Citywide.

1.1 Amount of additional funds to be expended: **\$375,000.00**

Original Contract	\$ 750,000.00 (ORD 1369-2022; PO328687)
Current Renewal	\$ 375,000.00
<u>Future Anticipated Needs</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,000.00</u>
CONTRACT TOTAL	\$ 2,250,000.00

1.2. Reason other procurement processes are not used:

This is a contract renewal. GPD Group has been providing these services under contract with planned renewals to add funding for future years. Rebidding the contract and using another company would be more expensive as the new company would need to spend time learning and redoing work already performed by GPD Group.

1.3. How the cost of renewal was determined:

Pricing was negotiated using current contracted rates after the scope of work was agreed upon.

2. ECONOMIC IMPACT/ADVANTAGES; COMMUNITY OUTREACH; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS/ADVANTAGES OF PROJECT

This is a contract for needed supplemental engineering for the Division of Power's various CIP projects, studies required by OSHA and PERRP i.e. Arc Flash Hazard Analysis, and possibly to reduce backlog of DOP's routine engineering that may arise from unexpected work force reduction and/or greater than normal workload volume. As such, it will not have any economic impact, but it will include community outreach if it is used for projects that typically solicit input from the community.

3. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

GPD Group's contract compliance number is CC-006560 and expires 5/20/2023. GPD Group's certification was in good standing at the time of the contract renewal.

4. MINORITY AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE & SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

This contract was put in place prior to the implementation of the City of Columbus MBE/WBE Program and is not subject to the requirements of that program. GPD is classified as a majority company by the City's Office of Diversity

and Inclusion. Per the attached Utilization Plan, there is one subcontractor planned to be used on this contract and that subcontractor is certified as an MBE by the City's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The MBE/WBE percentage for this renewal is anticipated to be 15.2%.

5. FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are appropriated and available within the Electricity Bond Fund, Fund 6303, for this expenditure. An amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget is needed to align budget authority with the proper project. A transfer of cash and appropriation between projects within the Electricity Bond Fund is needed to align cash and appropriation with the proper project.

6. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

Emergency designation is requested for this ordinance. This renewal is needed to provide funding to continue the management of several engineering and construction projects. The current funding will run out prior to 30-day legislation being enacted causing project management and the associated projects to be suspended awaiting the renewal of funds, thereby delaying the implementation of the needed safety and efficiency improvements these projects would implement, which could result in injuries or power outages.

To authorize an amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget; to authorize a transfer of cash and appropriation within the Electricity Bond Fund; to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a contract renewal with GPD Group for the Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) project; to expend up to \$375,000.00 from the Electricity Bond Fund for the project; and to declare an emergency. (\$375,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities is engaged in the Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) project; and

WHEREAS, Contract PO328387 was authorized by Ordinance 1369-2022 for the Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) project; and

WHEREAS, a planned contract renewal with GPD is needed to provide funding for the upgrade work that will be performed this year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize an amendment to the 2022 Capital Improvements Budget for the purpose of providing sufficient budget authority for the proper project; and

WHEREAS, a transfer of cash and appropriation between projects within the Electricity Bond Fund is needed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expend funds to pay for the contract renewal; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities in that it is immediately necessary to execute the contract renewal to prevent a delay in the completion of projects currently in progress that could result in injuries or power outages, 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 2022 Capital Improvement Budget authorized by Ordinance 1896-2022 be amended as follows to establish sufficient budget authority for this project:

Fund / Project Number / Project Name (Funding Source) / Current Authority / Revised Authority / Change

6303 / 670799-100000 / Voltage Conversion - Circuit 7220 - North High Street, Clintonville (Voted Electricity Carryover) / \$296,790.00 / \$0.00 / (\$296,790.00)

6303 / 670793-100000 / Dublin Ave. Substation DT-1 Transformer Replacement (Voted Electricity Carryover) /

\$83,315.00/ \$5,104.00 / (\$78,211.00)

6303 / 670868-100001 / Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) (Voted Electricity Carryover) / \$0.00 / \$375,000.00 / \$375,000.00

SECTION 2. That a transfer of funds between projects within the Electricity Bond, Fund 6303, is authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the Director of the Department of Public Utilities be and hereby is authorized to enter into a contract renewal of up to \$375,000.00 for the Power General Engineering Services (2021-2024) project with GPD Group, 1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 210 Columbus, OH 43215; in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file in the office of the Department of Public Utilities.

SECTION 4. That the expenditure of up to \$375,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Funds are hereby deemed appropriated and expenditures and transfers authorized to carry out the purposes of this ordinance and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 6. 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 7. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project.

SECTION 8. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is made a part hereof, this Ordinance is 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 (10) days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes this Ordinance.