

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Date: June 17, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Gordie Bennett, Sustainability Director, Facilities Management Division,
Department of Administrative Services

Subject: From the Sustainability Director, Facilities Management Division,
Department of Administrative Services, Requesting Authorization to
Execute a Professional Services Agreement Exceeding \$100,000 for
Capital Project WY0625021 - ARPA Climate Action Plan, in an Amount
Not to Exceed \$182,645.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Sustainability Director respectfully requests authorization to execute a professional services agreement with Energetics for capital project WY0625021 - ARPA Climate Action Plan at an actual cost, not-to-exceed fee of \$182,645.

POLICY

Adopted on Earth Day 2021, File No. 21-389 establishes that Milwaukee County government will be carbon neutral by 2050. The legislation further requests the Sustainability Director to develop and administer a strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and operations.

Per File No. 22-389, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized \$2,171,566 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding for a new capital project WY0625021 - ARPA Climate Action Plan. The project will advance File No. 21-389 by launching a lighting upgrades program in County buildings, and by developing a Climate Action 2050 Plan ('Plan') for County operations.

BACKGROUND

To initiate WY0625021 - ARPA Climate Action Plan, the Office of Sustainability, in April 2022, the Office of Sustainability (OS), DAS-Facilities Management, issued a request for proposals (RFP) for professional consulting services to develop the Climate Action 2050 Plan. The Plan will provide a detailed strategy for Milwaukee County to: 1) achieve carbon neutral operations no later than 2050; 2) adapt and improve the resiliency of County

operations and the local community to climate change; and 3) align climate initiatives to the County's Vision to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin through racial equity.

The overall objective of the Climate Action 2050 Plan effort is to develop and document a road map to carbon-neutral Milwaukee County operations that can be used to guide policy and budget decisions through 2050, with near-term, mid-term, and long-term emissions mitigation and climate adaptation strategies. This plan will include facilities and operations of the Parks Department.

OS received three proposals in response to the Climate Action 2050 Plan RFP. In May 2022, team consisting of two Facilities Management employees and one DHHS employee reviewed and scored the proposals. The team recommends proposer Energetics for the project because their proposal scored highest against the evaluation criteria, namely:

1. Quality and responsiveness to the RFP
2. Project approach and understanding
3. Qualifications and experience of assigned staff
4. Total fee and hourly rates
5. Quality and responsiveness of DBE participation.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The Climate Action 2050 Plan will support Milwaukee County's strategic plan by creating intentional inclusion and investing in equity. The Plan will be developed with input from diverse stakeholders, including local communities of color and other populations that disproportionately experience the impacts of climate change. In addition, the Plan will emphasize strategies and actions that provide racial and health equity co-benefits - not just environmental protection or cost savings.

FISCAL EFFECT

There are sufficient funds in the WY0625021 budget to execute a professional services agreement with Energetics for capital project WY0625021 - ARPA Climate Action Plan at an actual cost, not-to-exceed fee of \$182,645.

TERMS

Climate Action 2050 Plan development is anticipated to begin in September 2022 and end by June 30, 2024. All project funds will be encumbered by December 31, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
Fiscal Note

Cc: David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive
Sup. Liz Sumner, Chair, Finance Committee
Sup. Sheldon A. Wasserman, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee
Mary Jo Myers, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Steven Cady, Research and Policy Director, Office of the Comptroller
Janelle M. Jensen, Manager, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk