

**Legislative Summary**

To authorize the City of Cleveland to purchase gas supply for all city facilities as well as electricity supply for all city facilities serviced by First Energy. To authorize the City of Cleveland to enter into one or more professional services contracts for energy supply for period(s) of upto ten (10) years, and separately with energy supply procurement consultants who will assist with the procurement of such services for up to two years with two one-year renewal options.

To authorize the City of Cleveland to enter into potential cooperative purchase agreements and joint procurement capabilities with other regional entities such as but not limited to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. To authorize the City of Cleveland to procure specialized legal services for the development of off-site renewable electricity contracts, as necessary.

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**Background/Purpose:**

The City of Cleveland made a commitment in 2018 to meet 100% of its electricity demand from clean energy sources by 2050, as part of the City's updated Climate Action Plan. The ability of the City to enter into long-term electricity contracts powered by offsite renewables for its municipal facilities is important to meet the City's internal Sustainable Cleveland Municipal Action Plan Climate Goals, as well as to demonstrate leadership by example to the community.

The Request for Professional Services (RFP) offers more competition and participation from energy suppliers for both natural gas and electricity supply.

Electricity supply powered by renewables requires a procurement approach that takes into account planning for a long-term horizon to capture the best price, and for the city to claim marketing rights, renewable attributes, and contributing to 'additionality', viz. the development of new offsite renewable energy projects.

**Scope of Work/Commodities/Services:**

The request for legislative authority is for the City of Cleveland to procure electricity supply for the City of Cleveland's facilities serviced by First Energy (CEI or 'Illuminating Company', and Ohio Edison), as well as natural gas supply for the facilities serviced by Dominion East Ohio (DEO) and Columbia Gas.

Request authority to enter into one or more professional service contracts up to a period of upto ten (10) years for the procurement of electricity from either conventional brown power or from off-site renewable energy sources from a variety of options, primarily through long-term renewable physical delivery contracts.

Request authority to enter into natural gas supply professional service contract for a period of upto ten (10) years.

Request authority to secure new energy supply procurement consulting services as necessary, for the purposes of assisting with the procurement process, as well as with ongoing electricity and gas account management including but not limited to accounts consolidation, billing review, savings analysis, and managing supplier rates and utility tariff modification requests.

Request authority to procure specialized legal services for the development of complex off-site renewable electricity contracts, as necessary.

Request authority to procure electricity and natural gas supply through potential cooperative purchase agreements with other governmental agencies.

Request authority to explore the joint procurement of renewable electricity supply with other regional entities such as but not limited to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, by combining the electricity load of the two organizations, thereby capturing better pricing for the City of Cleveland.

**Justification/Urgency:**

The importance of this request for legislation is due to the long procurement lead times that are required for structuring complex and long-term contracts for renewable electricity procurement, and the upcoming expiration of the current energy supply contracts.