

**Request for Legislation**

**Authorizing the Director of Public Utilities to exercise the first option to renew Contract No. PS2024-299 authorized under Codified Ordinance 129.294, with One Call Concepts Locating Services, Inc., which provides services to locate and mark underground utilities for the Department of Public Utilities (DPU).**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **Renewal Option for Underground Utility Marking**

**Background/Purpose:**

Ohio Revised Code 3781, Ohio’s Damage Prevention Law, requires all owners of underground utilities to mark their infrastructure (typically with spray paint and flags) within 48 hours of a request from an excavator who intends to dig in the public Right of Way. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) is the clearinghouse for these requests and manages them through an online ticketing system. The utilities within DPU are members of the OUPS system. DPU receives approximately 170,000 ticket requests to mark per year.

The Department of Public Utilities on behalf of the Divisions of Water, Cleveland Public Power and Water Pollution Control currently has a contract with One Call Concepts Locating Services, Inc. to provide for locating and marking of underground utility infrastructure and related activities. That contract was procured through a competitive process.

DPU is requesting authority to execute the first renewal option of the contract.

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

This contract provides various services, including receiving and responding to OUPS tickets, reviewing maps, documents and GIS information, and locating and marking underground utility infrastructure.

**Justification / Urgency:**

The current contract expires September 30, 2026. Executing the first renewal of the contract in 2026 allows the Department of Public Utilities to continue progress and make enhancements to the utility marking program. The consultant has agreed to the original contract fee table and they continue to meet or exceed the OEO goal of 10% CSB participation.

**Anticipated Costs and Funding Source:**

The estimated cost for the first option year is \$1,874,000. Funding will be from 2026 operating funds, in the amount of \$1,500,000 for Division of Water, \$124,000 for Cleveland Public Power, and \$250,000 for Water Pollution Control.

**Schedule or Term of Contract:**

This legislation will lead to execution of the first one-year renewal option.

Current Contract:

<u>Vendor Information</u>	<b>Services/Work performed (current contract)</b>	<b>Contract Info</b>	<b>CSB/FBE Participation</b>
One Call Concepts Utility Locating Services, Inc. 7223 Parkway Drive, 200 Hanover, MD 21076	Locating and marking underground utility infrastructure and related activities	- Contract No. PS2024-299 - Awarded Amount: \$3,668,518.00 - Contract Expiration Date: September 19, 2026	Goal = 10% Actual = 10%