

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0117

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Public Works	A Resolution approving specifications and estimate of cost in the amount not-to-exceed \$365,121.00 for construction of an Energy Center at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, related to the Fairgrounds Wind Turbine Project; authorizing the Director of the Office of Procurement & Diversity to advertise for bids on RQ19570, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has submitted specifications and estimates of cost in the amount not-to-exceed \$365,121.00 for the construction of an Energy Center at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, related to the Fairgrounds Wind Turbine Project; and

WHEREAS; the proposed Fairgrounds Wind Turbine Project, with its 660kW wind turbine and an educational Energy Center, was one of 10 awardees selected from approximately 100 wind projects proposed in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by constructing this Fairgrounds Wind Turbine Project and Energy Center, Cuyahoga County has another opportunity to display leadership in renewable energy initiatives and to further foster economic development with the creation of new jobs to Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the turbine itself will produce approximately \$50,000 per year savings in electricity for the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, a portion of which will be escrowed for a Capital Improvements Fund to become less dependant on the County for the cost of repairs & replacements of buildings and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Energy Center will be an educational center to house wind turbine displays, Renewable Energy exhibits, and provide learning opportunities for sustainability practices and the benefits of this pollution-free alternative to fossil-fuel generated electricity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Energy Center will also provide conference space to be used by schools, groups and other organizations and will be staffed by Ballwin-Wallace volunteer interns to run the center; and

WHEREAS, the primary funding for this project stems from successful grant applications that yielded a \$1,075,000.00 state/federal grant, another in the amount of \$200,000.00, and a third grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 made to the County Development Department. Based upon prior approvals, Cuyahoga County committed to fund the remaining balance of the construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to advertise for bids and obtain a qualified contractor to complete construction per plan at the lowest cost to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the County Executive, through the Office of Procurement & Diversity, is authorized to advertise for bids on RQ19570 for the construction of an Energy Center at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, related to the Fairgrounds Wind Turbine Project consistent with the specifications and estimates of cost submitted by the Department of Public Works in the amount not-to-exceed \$365,121.00.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Connally, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell and Jones

Nays: None

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 22, 2011

Committee(s) Assigned: Economic Development & Planning and Environment & Sustainability

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