

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan

1. STATEMENT OF NEED

The City of Kansas City's Office of Environmental Quality seeks to gather information from experienced and qualified consultants on the cost to provide an equity focused, community driven, Climate Protection and Resiliency plan that incorporates greenhouse gas reduction, climate mitigation and adaptation, and carbon sequestration strategies.

The consultant (and team) will work with City staff and a diverse group of community stakeholders to develop a comprehensive, innovative Climate Protection and Resiliency plan based on the requirements of recently adopted Resolution 200005. The Plan will identify strategies, metrics for evaluating progress, and policy opportunities to lower community-wide and municipal greenhouse emissions by engaging and empowering residents, businesses, civic organizations, and institutions to take positive actions that will produce quantifiable results.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant (and team) will work with City staff, community stakeholders, and subject matter experts to develop a comprehensive, innovative Climate Protection and Resiliency plan based on the requirements of Resolution #200005 (attached). This plan must be unique to Kansas City and integrate measures that improve quality of life, build prosperity, and enhance community resilience. The consultant will be asked to:

- Become familiar with city staff and departments, as well as regional entities involved in climate action in Kansas City and continue to inform and convene them as necessary throughout the project to provide data, context, and feedback.
- Work with community stakeholders and city staff to identify communities of concern and develop outreach methods that facilitate their participation in plan creation.
- Draw on the results of the City's previous Climate Protection Plan, the regional Climate Action Playbook, and the recent regional Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment to tie together the City's existing strategies and plans with broader community goals.
- Complete an updated municipal and citywide Greenhouse Gas Inventory (GHG) and compare the data from previous inventories, to inform options for climate mitigation, adaption, and carbon sequestration to meet or exceed GHG goals.
- Throughout the plan development process, the Consultant shall identify best practices for resident and stakeholder engagement and education, as well as organize the outreach and engagement efforts at various points in the process.
- Use an equity lens in all work completed and make recommendations to not only alleviate the climate burden on vulnerable populations, but, when possible, reverse historical damages created by inequities including those implicit in the current Climate Protection Plan.
- Create a comprehensive plan that identifies strategies in categories including building, electricity generation and natural gas, food, land use, transportation, and waste management.

3. DELIVERABLES

- Community and Municipal GHG Emissions Inventory and Forecast, through 2050, utilizing the most recently available data and comparison with a business as usual path.
- Visually appealing and easily understandable Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan that is easily transferrable into different types of media to reach different audiences.
- Roadmap summary of reduction targets and strategies for achieving reduction goals in each sector identified in the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan that includes; near term actions (through 2025) with measurable indicators, estimates of costs and timelines, identification of responsible City departments and community institutions, and possible funding sources.
- Toolkit for ongoing monitoring, engaging, and reporting on climate action including a marketing and education kit, templates for annual reports, and standard operating procedures and instruction manual for completing annual GHG inventories.
- Costs and opportunities analysis that includes cost to the city to implement programs and projects as well as a review of possible outside funding sources for climate action.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Please supply the answers to the following questions in your response.

- Recommended timeline and costs for a project of this size
- Cost to complete the project within a 9-month timeline.
- Any additional items you think the City should consider in this project.