



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 26-0636, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Bureau of Asset Management

Vendor: Ameresco, Inc., Framingham, Massachusetts

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Energy Consultant Services for Natural Gas and Electricity for County Owned and Leased Facilities

Contract Value: \$619,902.96

Contract period: 4/1/2026 - 3/31/2029, with one (1), two (2) year renewal option

Contract Utilization: The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation.

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2026 \$135,333.28, FY 2027 \$204,587.92, FY 2028 \$209,474.72, FY 2029 \$70,507.04

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Capital Improvement Program

Contract Number(s): 2521-03183

Summary: This contract will allow the Bureau of Asset Management to receive Energy Consultant services for natural gas and electricity at County owned and leased facilities.

The vendor's responsibilities will include:

1. Developing both short and long-term energy procurement strategies
2. Continuously monitoring and assessing market conditions and advising on potential purchase opportunities consistent with the agreed upon procurement strategies and risk profile.
3. Overseeing and managing a competitive bidding process for the County's electric, natural gas supply, and renewable energy agreements, including procuring and scheduling delivery for electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy for County approval.
4. Identifying, documenting and providing research and analysis and current project availability on different types of renewable energy projects (Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), Virtual PPAs, community solar, leasing,

purchase, etc.) and the impact on the County's energy procurement and carbon emissions.

5. Meeting with the County's Energy Procurement Team monthly to provide status reports, recommendations, and market updates.

This contract is awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Ameresco, Inc. was selected based on established evaluation criteria.