

## Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: April 16, 2025

Agenda Item #: 4

**Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to design and implement five Green Workforce Hubs for the building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000 through October 16, 2029.**

Agenda item type: Action item

### Summary

A request to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to design and implement the Green Workforce Hubs initiative for the building decarbonization program. The Green Workforce Hubs will be built into five existing public workforce centers across the DRCOG region. Each Hub will be equipped with staff to place jobseekers into training and employment opportunities in the building decarbonization trades.

### Background

In January 2025, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services from workforce development organizations qualified and experienced in economic development programs. The purpose of this RFP was to identify one organization to sub-contract and manage multiple vendors who would also stand-up Green Workforce Hubs. The intent of multiple Hubs is to increase access for jobseekers to engage with one of the brick-and-mortar workforce hubs. The five workforce centers partnering in this proposal are Arapahoe/Douglas Works! (ADW!), Adams County Workforce and Business Center (ACWBC), Workforce Boulder County (WfBC), Denver Economic Development & Opportunity – Denver Workforce Development (DEDO – DWD), and Jefferson County Business and Workforce Center (JCBWC).

DRCOG received one proposal in response to the RFP that was reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel. The panel included subject matter experts from DRCOG's Building Decarbonization Team and Administration and Finance Division. Despite receiving only one proposal, the review panel unanimously agreed that the partnership convened to create this application has the capability and experience in local economic development required to execute the requirements of the contract.

Based on the selection panel's evaluation, DRCOG staff recommend that the Finance and Budget Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the preferred consultant, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!. The total contract amount is not to exceed \$5,200,000 through October 16, 2029.



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The contract for this work will be funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.

**Action by others**

None

**Previous discussion/action**

None

**Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to design and implement five Green Workforce Hubs for the building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000 through October 16, 2029.

**Attachment**

Draft resolution

**For more information**

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