

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-62

AUTHORIZING A NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County's vision is to contribute to renewable and affordable energy for communities within the County; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is initiating a joint procurement of solar power by governmental entities within the County; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA is interested in exploring whether solar power is a viable method to reduce its electricity costs; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA's participation in a joint procurement would allow it to leverage Cuyahoga County's resources and potentially benefit from improved purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA has the authority to enter into an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing arrangement under Ohio Revised Code Section 306.43(J); and

WHEREAS, GCRTA and the County intend to work cooperatively on a procurement package to solicit proposals for solar energy; and

WHEREAS, if proposal submissions demonstrate that solar energy will reduce electricity costs and is otherwise advantageous, GCRTA will bring a cooperative purchase agreement to the Board of Trustees for its review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a non-binding letter of intent with Cuyahoga County for the procurement of solar energy.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: June 19, 2018



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: LETTER OF INTENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR SOLAR ENERGY	Resolution No.: 2018-62
	Date: June 14, 2018
	Initiator: Office of Management & Budget
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will authorize a non-binding letter of intent with Cuyahoga County for the procurement of solar energy.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: This letter of intent confirms the Authority's intention to participate in a procurement initiated by Cuyahoga County and other governmental entities to procure solar energy. The goal is to determine whether solar energy can be procured at rates lower than our current electrical rates, thereby saving on electricity costs.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Working cooperatively with Cuyahoga County will enable the Authority to analyze whether it can save money on utility costs and diversify energy sources within the Authority.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: None. There are no costs to GCRTA for participating in Cuyahoga County's procurement process.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Continue with current energy structure and prices and not participate in Cuyahoga County's procurement process.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: There was a presentation on this procurement to the Operational Planning and Infrastructure Committee on Tuesday June 5, 2018 and it was approved to go forward to the Board of Trustees. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed non-binding letter of intent with Cuyahoga County.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: Non-Binding Letter of Intent.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

ATTACHMENT

**LETTER OF INTENT
Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project**

June 14, 2018

Cuyahoga County has created the Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project in an effort to deploy solar power installations across the county. The project has three central goals: (a) reduce electricity costs; (b) reduce carbon emissions; (c) improve economies of scale and reduce solar transaction costs (for both purchasers and offerors). In order to achieve optimal economic benefit, the County will release an RFP for its own facilities, and allow other interested parties to participate in the County's procurement.

This letter is a statement of intent for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to do the following:

1. Join the Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project with the facilities described on the following page.
2. Participate in any pre-proposal conference during the RFP process and provide a walk-through of the specified facilities for prospective offerors, if needed.
3. Participate as a voting member in any selection panel reviewing proposals and conducting interviews of potential offerors.
4. Make a good faith effort to negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with the selected offeror if the offeror's bid price and other negotiated terms are acceptable to GCRTA. GCRTA will have the option to buy the system in the sixth or later year of operation.
5. If the criteria in "3" above is met, GCRTA will not enter into a PPA with any other solar company for a period of one year.

Notwithstanding the above, this letter is non-binding and does not legally bind GCRTA or Cuyahoga County into any proposal or PPA contract that results from the Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project.

The parties agree to share draft(s) and input regarding the RFP prior to it being issued.

**GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

By: _____
Joseph A. Calabrese CEO
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: _____

The legal form and correctness of
the within instrument are hereby approved.

General Counsel, Deputy General
Manager for Legal Affairs

Cuyahoga County

County Executive

Date: _____

PARTICIPATING FACILITIES
Cuyahoga County Aggregated Solar Project

Entity:

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Location #1:

Triskett Garage
13405 Lakewood Heights Blvd
Cleveland, Ohio 44107
Estimated annual kWh – 4 million
Estimated annual kWd – 7,568

Location #2:

Paratransit District
4601 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Estimated annual kWh – 690K
Estimated annual kWd – 1,460

Location #3:

Euclid Park and Ride
23900 St. Clair Avenue
Euclid, Ohio 44132
Estimated annual kWh – 86K
Estimated annual kW - 169