

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 55, 2025

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend the contract with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability for services supporting the Decarbonize DRCOG Building Policy Collaborative, to increase the total contract amount by approximately \$200,000 for an initial not-to-exceed amount of \$2,220,000, extend the contract term through September 30, 2027, and include the option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$2,700,000.

Whereas, DRCOG received a \$199.7 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to implement a regional building decarbonization initiative; and

Whereas, within this program lies the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), which will support DRCOG jurisdictions over the next five years to implement new, above-state minimum building energy codes and performance standards, and consists of a vast peer-to-peer network where jurisdictions can collaborate and problem solve policy adoption and implementation barriers and receive technical support from DRCOG to help overcome these policy barriers; and

Whereas, DRCOG awarded Lotus a contract to help facilitate the BPC due to their extensive experience in the region as well as their expertise on building decarbonization policies, and their ability to provide ongoing technical support to the local governments throughout the next four years; and

Whereas, DRCOG has committed research support for the participating jurisdictions, which will evaluate the largest barriers to policy adoption and implementation and provide solutions that will be used by participating jurisdictions to inform and advocate for improved policy to their counsels and the public; and

Whereas, Lotus' existing contract includes some research capacity, but not enough to support the growing and immediate needs of the jurisdictions to answer certain policy-related questions which have been identified needing further research.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to amend the contract with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability for services supporting the Decarbonize DRCOG Building Policy Collaborative, to increase the total contract amount by approximately \$200,000 for an initial not-to-exceed amount of \$2,220,000, extend the contract term through September 30, 2027, and include the option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$2,700,000.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of November 2025 at Denver Colorado.

Jeslin Shahrezaei, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director