

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 51, 2025

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Colorado Statewide Sheet Metal Workers' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee to deliver a series of HVAC & heat pump trainings to young adults for the building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 through October 16, 2027.

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, the program includes a \$900,000 budget to deliver 11 total trainings (at 15 students & 80 hours per training) to jobseekers who are between the ages of 18-24 in the DRCOG region. Students will receive a stipend of \$2,000 at the end of the training, where they will be hired by a union contractor installing/servicing heat pump technology.

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process administered by a selection panel consisting of members of DRCOG's Building Decarbonization Program and Contracts Team. The request for proposals received 4 proposals in total, of which 2 were interviewed.

Whereas, the review panel determined that the Colorado Statewide Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is highly qualified to receive federal funds to support economic development in the local workforce. With a long history of upholding strong union employment standards and offering a modern training curriculum, JATC is well-positioned to prepare the next generation of skilled workers. Through its apprenticeship programs in the HVAC trades, JATC will connect younger workers with experienced mentors, ensuring they gain both technical expertise and the professional guidance necessary to succeed in the industry.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Colorado Statewide Sheet Metal Workers' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee to deliver a series of HVAC & heat pump trainings to young adults for the building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 through October 16, 2027.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2025 at Denver, Colorado.

Jeslin Shahrezaei, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
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ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director