## Prince George's County Climate Action Plan Implementation Agreement (FY23-FY26)

This AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), effective as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2022, is between the METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ("COG"), 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, and PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND ("COUNTY"), a body corporate and politic, 1801 McCormick Drive, Largo, MD 20774, collectively, "the parties." This MOA becomes effective once all designated representatives of COG and the COUNTY have signed it.

WHEREAS, COG, with funding from the region's Regional Environment Fund ("REF"), is responsible for managing the Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee ("CEEPC") and has established the region's 2017-2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to meet climate change goals adopted in the November 2008 Climate Change Report and established the 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan to meet the 2030 climate goals adopted in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COG Climate and Energy Action Plan has a goal that COG member governments develop local climate action plans; and

WHEREAS, COG, under its regional Climate and Energy Action Plan, desires to support development and implementation of local climate action plans; and

WHEREAS, COG through a competitive procurement has and will continue to secure contracts with climate action planning consulting firms, known as "Contractor(s)" for purposes of this Agreement, to assist COG and member governments prepare and provide implementation support for greenhouse gas inventories, climate action planning, and resiliency planning; and any related tasks required to achieve the transformational commitments and priority recommendations ("Priority Recommendations") of the COUNTY's Climate Action Plan ("CAP"); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY, through its Department of Environment ("DoE"), is interested in preparing studies and performing other climate action related tasks intended to support implementation of the Prince George's County CAP and desires to partner with COG to carry out this work given COG's unique data sets, staff skills, and contracting capabilities; and

WHEREAS, both COG and the COUNTY have funding to support climate action planning and related tasks essential to implementing the County's CAP that could help support partnership with other COG member jurisdictions to perform and collaborate on mutually beneficial climate studies, tasks, or as a participating applicant or partner for regional grant funded opportunities; and

WHEREAS, both the COUNTY and COG have agreed to participate in this project in accordance with the Scope of Work provided herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual obligations set forth herein and other considerations, the parties agree as follows:

#### I. Term

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2022 (FY23) through June 30, 2026 (FY26) or such other time as necessary for the implementation of the CAP, including all tasks and deliverables assigned to COG by the COUNTY. Should the term of this Agreement need to be extended, an extension shall be agreed to in writing by both parties.

### II. Source and Level of Funding

- A. The primary source of funding is the available annual fiscal year budget allocated by the COUNTY to DoE's Sustainability Division for funding Task Orders under this Agreement.
- B. The annual fiscal budget to fund Task Orders under this Agreement is estimated to not exceed \$1,000,000 but may vary depending on the COUNTY's available funding and identified priorities. The COUNTY will develop priority Task Order Work Activities annually to include in the COUNTY's Annual Task Order Work Plan. COG may assist the COUNTY in developing the Annual Task Order Work Plan in collaboration with the County's Climate Action Implementation Task Force.
- C. COUNTY will provide COG the opportunity to develop cost estimates for those Task Order Work Activities that are included in the COUNTY's Annual Task Order Work Plan. As requested by the COUNTY, COG will provide Task Order Proposals documenting the scope, approach, deliverables, timeline, and cost of each Task Order Work Activity for the entire Annual Task Order Work Plan. As Task Order Proposals are accepted by the COUNTY, the COUNTY will authorize the Task Orders through COUNTY-approved Purchase Orders. Only Task Orders issued by the COUNTY through COUNTY-approved Purchase Orders will be reimbursable. The COUNTY may issue one Purchase Order to cover all Task Order Work Activities approved under the Annual Task Order Work Plan, or may approve and issue Purchase Orders individually for each Task Order.
- D. Approved Task Orders and associated Purchase Orders may be amended based on COUNTY approval of COG Change Order Requests and issuance of a modified Purchase Order.
- E. COG shall be responsible for collecting the funds from the COUNTY for reimbursement of COG labor and other direct expenses, including payment of Contractor invoices. As requested, COG shall provide the opportunity for the COUNTY to review and approve Contractor invoices prior to COG's issuance of payment.
- F. Any financial obligations of the COUNTY or COG for FY23-FY26 under this Agreement are subject to available appropriations and the encumbrance of funds.
- G. Unless otherwise specified in writing, all Task Order funding will expire at the end of each Fiscal Year. Time is of the essence for COG to submit end of FY invoices to COUNTY for reimbursement for expenses incurred in that FY.

## III. Scope of Work

- A. The approach, outline, and the tasks/deliverables for the CAP's implementation are provided in Exhibit A.
- B. In accordance with the procedures set forth in Section IV hereof, if required, COG will procure the services of the Contractor(s) to assist in providing lead or support in specific tasks or deliverables associated with the implementation of the CAP's Priority Recommendations as allowable by the COUNTY's allocated funding source.
- C. Through competitive Task Order Requests for Proposal process, studies and tasks contracts will be awarded to Contractors through a collaborative process between COG and the COUNTY. The Contractor(s) will be required to assist COG and the COUNTY pursuant to approved Task Orders issued under this Agreement. COG and the COUNTY will jointly prepare the specifications for the competitive Task Order Requests for Proposal issued under this Agreement.
- D. COG and the COUNTY shall mutually agree, in writing, on any proposed changes to the funding, approach, and content of studies or tasks.

### IV. Responsibilities

### A. COG's Responsibilities

- 1. COG shall conduct a competitive procurement to identify, select and issue a Task Order(s) to the Contractor(s) and shall be responsible for administering the Task Order(s) with the Contractor(s). However, the COUNTY shall:
  - i. Have the right to review and approve the Task Order Request for Proposals (i.e., solicitation) before it is issued;
  - ii. Have representation on the technical evaluation committee assembled to review proposals from Contractors;
  - iii. Have the right to approve the selection of the Contractor(s) and to review and approve any Task Order before it is awarded.
- 2. COG shall be responsible for collecting funds from the COUNTY for payment to COG and, if applicable, the Contractor(s), unless other arrangements are agreed to pursuant to Section II of this Agreement. The COUNTY shall provide payment to COG in the following manner: Progress payments will be based upon eligible costs incurred and acceptance of milestone deliverables as outlined in the scope of work. Eligible costs include work performed by COG and Contractor(s) in support of the implementation of the Prince George's County CAP.
- 3. COG shall be responsible for the payment of invoices from the Contractor(s). COG shall provide an opportunity for the COUNTY to review and approve of all invoices from Contractor(s) prior to payment, if requested by the COUNTY.

## B. COUNTY's Responsibilities

- 1. The COUNTY agrees to participate with COG in the evaluation and selection process of Request for Proposals and Task Orders from Contractors awarded through COG's procurement and Contractor selection process. Upon mutual agreement between the COUNTY and COG to award a Request for Proposal or Task Order to Contractor(s), the selected Contractor(s) will carry out the task pursuant to a Task Order's Scope of Work as part of the deliverables of the CAP as outlined in this Agreement's Scope of Work or as part of the Annual Task Order Work Plan.
- 2. The COUNTY shall pay COG according to the provisions outlined in Subsection A.2 above.
- 3. The COUNTY and COG must determine the following by mutual agreement:
  - COUNTY's Annual Task Order Work Plan including priority Task Order Work Activities.
  - ii. Approach and methodology for developing studies or tasks to implement Priority Recommendations of the CAP.
  - iii. Desired content of any study or deliverable.
  - iv. Use of COG or County facilities if needed to carry out the work to complete tasks associated with implementing the CAP.
  - v. Approximate time of meetings and deliverables.

#### V. Insurance and Indemnification

- A. COUNTY acknowledges that a portion of the work to be performed may be completed by a third-party contractor. The Contractor(s), prior to performing work on COUNTY-owned property, must obtain, at its own cost and expense, insurance coverage satisfying the COUNTY's Insurance Requirements, enclosed as Exhibit B.
- B. The COUNTY and COG shall be independently responsible for defending claims of liability, loss, or damage arising from their direct negligence or willful misconduct. It is hereby understood that this provision may be subject to the limitations and immunities provided by law, including, but not limited to, the Local Government Tort Claims Act, Section 5-303 (a), Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a promise or agreement by the COUNTY to indemnify COG for any claims of liability, loss or damage arising from negligence or willful misconduct by COG, or its agents or contractors.

# VI. General Conditions of Contract Between COUNTY and Contractor

COUNTY acknowledges that a portion of the work to be performed may be completed by a third-party contractor. The Contractor(s) must abide by the COUNTY's General Terms and Conditions Between COUNTY and Contractor(s), enclosed as <u>Exhibit C.</u>

### VII. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended only by mutual consent of the parties as a written amendment to this Agreement signed by both parties.

### **VIII. Agreement Contacts**

The Agreement contacts for any questions regarding the substance of the Agreement work are:

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This Agreement represents the full agreement of the parties hereto as evidenced by their respective signatures below:

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Exhibit A: Scope of Work

# Exhibit A. Scope of Work (SOW) for the

## Prince George's County Climate Action Plan Implementation Agreement (FY23)

Date: November 1, 2022

COG and the COUNTY, as a collaborative team, will manage and conduct task activities within work categories (including, but not limited to, studies, evaluations, analysis, research, and data collection) to develop the necessary components to implement the Priority Recommendations of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan ("CAP"). This support will also include COG's project management of its climate action planning Contractor(s) as awarded through the COG procurement process and as approved by the COUNTY. As part of ongoing public stakeholder engagement, education, and facilitation, COG will also continue to help develop, provide content, and manage the Prince George's County's section of the regional ClimatePartners.org website to host climate action topics relevant to the COUNTY's ongoing CAP implementation process. As allowed by the AGREEMENT for work to extend beyond the AGREEMENT's Term, the framework of this SOW will be used to the guide the work for all contract extensions.

#### **Work Categories**

Due to the breadth and complexity of the COUNTY's CAP and restrictions that apply to use of various COUNTY funding sources, the Scope of Work for the Agreement is divided into three Categories of Work:

Work Category 1: Climate Plan Implementation Task Force Strategic Support (Category 1)
Work Category 2: Adaptation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 2)
Work Category 3: Mitigation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 3)

Work performed under Work Category 1 will help create a CAP implementation strategy to help budget and prioritize all CAP Priority Recommendations and big picture goals. Under Work Category 1, specific deliverables for FY23 are listed. The work performed under Work Category 1 will be used to help inform specific deliverables for the development of task planning for Work Category 2 or Work Category 3 Tasks. Consequently, specific deliverables for those categories are not listed. Upon project initiation, , the COUNTY and COG will collaborate to create an Implementation Planning List to assist the COUNTY in allocating available fiscal year budget to inform and help prioritize the Agreement's Task Order Work Plan. The Task Order Work Plan will provide a detailed scope of work with deliverables, categorized by Work Category, and identified under a specific Task within a Work Category. The Task Order Work Plan will align scope of work efforts with the Implementation Planning List as informed by CAP Implementation Planning Compendium or as directed by the COUNTY.

<u>Project Management:</u> This Agreement will include Project Management tasks to be handled by COG as outlined in the detailed scope of work below.

Work Category 1: Climate Plan Implementation Task Force Strategic Support (Category 1) entails tasks dedicated to a specific focus and expertise to support the strategy and creation of the CAP Implementation Plan in support of the Climate Action Implementation Task Force and the Resident Advisory Group for Climate Action and Environmental Justice (per County Executive Order No. 5-2022 on May 6, 2022).

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Category 1 is intended to provide strategic support for the creation and execution of an actionable implementation plan for the CAP and its Priority Recommendations. If required, specific technical support will be provided for Priority Recommendations CO-1-CO-5 under Category 1.

Work Category 2: Adaptation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 2) entails tasks and technical support dedicated or related to CAP actions to specifically reduce the COUNTY's climate vulnerability and build climate resilience. The specific areas of focus for tasks performed under this category shall support Adaptation Priority Recommendations (A1-A-7, A-9-A10), Mitigation Priority Recommendation M-11(only), and any of the following focus or study areas that would be considered supportive, but not limited to, natural resources, tree and forest cover, urban heat island, healthy food systems, land use, green infrastructure, stormwater management, flood management, water related resource management, carbon sequestration, ecosystem protection, nature-based solutions, natural resources, undergrounding of overhead utilities or other utility conflicts impacting tree cover or natural resources, watershed protection.

Work Category 3: Mitigation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 3) are specific areas of focus for tasks under this category that shall support Mitigation Priority Recommendations (M1-M9) and Adaption Priority Recommendation A-8(only) or any of the following focus or study areas that would be considered supportive of implementing climate mitigation measures including, but not limited to, energy systems, energy infrastructure, distributed, clean and renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency, energy and climate justice, zero emission vehicles including charging infrastructure, high performance buildings including benchmarking and building performance standards, building codes etc.

### **Project Management and Work Category Tasks**

### **Project Management Task:**

All work performed under this Agreement will require a collaborative and unified project management approach. Upon project initiation, COG will work with the COUNTY to create an Implementation Planning List and corresponding Task Order Work Plan that will provide a detailed Task-level scope of work with deliverables for each of the identified Task Order Work Activities within the Work Categories, based on COUNTY's available fiscal year budget, and funding sources. Standard project management duties to be delivered by COG or its' contractor(s) are the following:

- Hire Contractors, as needed, through COG's procurement process to perform studies, analysis, assessment, or evaluations to support implementation of CAP priority recommendations or other identified activities as requested. Contractors that are not based in Prince George's County are strongly encouraged to sub-contract with a County-based business when enlisting support services for a task order.
- 2. Issue Task Orders, change orders, and other contract modifications to support work.
- 3. Prepare and submit monthly and final reports.
- 4. Update and manage Prince George's County's public-facing portion of ClimatePartner.org
- 5. Additional project management duties may also be required per specific billable tasks under Work Category 1, Work Category 2, or Work Category 3.

Exhibit A: Scope of Work

## Standard Project Management Deliverables:

- Coordination meetings, as needed
- Contractor RFP, Selection, Management, Task Orders, Invoicing, Payments
- Draft and final Implementation Planning List
- Draft and final Task Order Work Activities
- Draft and final Task Order Work Plan and Schedule
- Support facilitation of meetings and work groups as required to support annual work plan with COUNTY
- Website hosting
- Monthly Reports

### Work Category 1: Climate Plan Implementation Task Force Strategic Support

### Task 1: CAP Implementation Planning Compendium (IPC)

Referencing the COUNTY's CAP and other regional/local jurisdictional climate implementation plans as applicable, COG will provide research and technical expertise to inform a working master list of best practices, studies, evaluations, assessments, analysis, documents, processes, tools, and implementation plans, etc., required to support full implementation of the CAP. This deliverable will be used to support the work and process of the Climate Action Implementation Task Force (Task Force) and the Resident Advisory Group for Climate Action and Environmental Justice (per County Executive Order No. 5-2022 on May 6, 2022) and County Council, and may require periodic reviews and updates.

- a) CAP Implementation Planning Compendium. Sortable spreadsheet listing all required CAP elements (studies, analysis, assessments, evaluations, etc.) to support full implementation of each of the CAP's Priority Recommendations. Table to include estimate budget/magnitude of cost¹, type of consultant(s) or technical support recommended, source of recommendation, timing to perform task, any duplication, recommended work groups or task forces, potential grant or alternative funding resource, strategic partnership and ranking based on critical path to achieve each Priority Recommendation's outcomes.
  - Table will be used to create the Agreement's Implementation Planning Compendium to help track the progress of performing the various planning and informational research as required by the COUNTY to implement the CAP and as prioritized by the work of the Task Force.
  - o Implementation Planning Compendium will help align the Agreement's Task Order Work Plan to the required elements to implement the CAP as prioritized by the Task Force.
  - o Web-based interface for the CAP Implementation Planning Compendium may also be requested as part of this task.
- b) Budget/magnitude of cost and the recommended order of the required elements to achieve each Priority Recommendation or a desired CAP outcome.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Task 1 only, magnitude of cost refers only to the possible range of cost for the required studies and/or preliminary work required prior to any physical implementation of actions by the County, such as issuance of design and construction contracts.

- c) Technical memoranda to explain the need for the specific required elements for CAP implementation in the CAP Implementation Planning Compendium or why a specific element was added or deleted. As appropriate, provide case studies of other regional implementation steps and plans to support recommended studies, assessments, analysis, budgets, or next steps.
- d) CAP Implementation Planning Compendium will be used by the Climate Action Implementation Task Force to help discuss and inform an implementation strategy, initial budget, prioritization, and order of implementing the CAP's Priority Recommendations.

## Task 2. Climate Action Implementation Task Force Support

This task will provide, as required, strategic and facilitation support for the implementation of the County's CAP, the Climate Action Implementation Task Force, and the Resident Advisory Group for Climate Action and Environmental Justice. As budget allows, support facilitating a Prince George's County Climate Action Summit and related stakeholder engagement as requested by the County.

- a) Pursue and secure through COG's procurement process, climate action planning and implementation Contractor(s) and expert services to support DoE's facilitation of the Climate Action Implementation Task Force and related working groups as required to carry out the strategic implementation of the Climate Action Plan.
- b) Advise and recommend to Climate Action Implementation Task Force and internal County agency stakeholders a strategic, feasible, actionable implementation plan for the CAP's operational, mitigation, and adaptation measures and actions as outlined within the Implementation Steps of each Priority Recommendation and the entirety of the CAP document (including Appendices).
- c) Assist the COUNTY's assessment of all recommendations and revision feedback received from the public, County Council, agencies, and as documented by the Supplemental Public Comments Report. COG will provide recommended actions based on technical assessment of feedback or requested changes: Include as a revision to the CAP, no revision to CAP but include as part of the CAP's implementation plan, no action required as the feedback or recommendation is not actionable, feasible, pertinent, or is duplicative.
- d) Support the Cost Benefit Analysis as recommended under Priority Recommendation: CO-2: Building Capacity.
- e) Technical memoranda and materials, as requested by COUNTY staff, to help advise COUNTY on feasible and actionable climate action measures as collected from public comments, agency feedback, and as outlined per COUNTY's CAP.
- f) Advise and recommend innovative and cross-cutting measures as needed to improve or build upon the Priority Recommendations of the CAP and actions or measures as informed by public or agency feedback.

### Task 3. Additional Support to COUNTY

COG will work with the COUNTY Staff to respond to additional requests for support related to climate action planning:

- a) Support as requested for CAP-related presentations, documents, meeting support for County Council, agency, work group, municipal, or public stakeholder presentations. This may include support for a Climate-Ready Leadership Summit (or similar).
- b) Facilitation of responses to federal and State funding, grant, and technical assistance opportunities.

**Exhibit A: Scope of Work** 

- c) Studies and research as requested by COUNTY to support the next steps of the CAP's implementation and to achieve racial equity and inclusivity in implementing climate actions.
- d) Conduct a cross check of current COUNTY planning documents, planning policies, ordinances, regulations, permitting process, and internal practices that could revised or better leveraged to support climate action-related initiatives, projects, or missed opportunities.
- e) Support for a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis (CBA) to make a case for the return on investments from resilience projects and plans, including the valuation of ecosystem services and natural resource and agriculture areas.
- f) Support estimating the magnitude of cost<sup>2</sup> for the COUNTY to implement the CAP.
- g) Support revision to the January 15<sup>th</sup>, Draft Climate Action Plan if required by County Council or help perform updates to the CAP as may be required to support the implementation of the Priority Recommendations or for the CAP to perform as a "living" document.
- h) Facilitate collaboration and partnership to apply for regional grant opportunities as identified by COG, the COUNTY, or other regional partners and stakeholders.

### Work Category 2: Adaptation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 2)

Tasks requiring specific technical expertise to provide planning and implementation capacity elements to support implementation of the CAP's Adaptation Priority Recommendations: A1-A-7, A-9-A10 and Mitigation Priority Recommendation M-11. Tasks under Category 2 will be specifically focused to help reduce the COUNTY's climate vulnerability and build climate resilience. The work plan under Category 2 will also help track and quantify the progress to implement the CAP's Adaptation actions as prioritized by the Climate Action Implementation Task Force.

#### Task 5: CAP Adaptation Implementation Program Support

For work activities identified and included in the Task Order Work Plan, COG and Contractor(s) will work with the COUNTY Staff to provide implementation support for the COUNTY's CAP Adaptation priority recommendations, or any supporting activity or implementation step or adaptation actions related to natural resources, tree cover, urban heat island, healthy food systems, land use, stormwater management, flood management, or water related issues, ecosystem protection, or other nature-based solutions in support of building the COUNTY's climate resilience. Task 5 will also support the CAP's alignment with any mandated adaption actions by the State of Maryland as required by the Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act (GGRA).

### Task 6: Research, Data Collection, and Analysis for Adaption Priority Recommendations

COG will work with the Contractor(s) and COUNTY Staff to provide services and deliverables, such as studies, research, data collection, analysis, and plans that support further planning and implementation of the COUNTY's Adaption Priority Recommendations A-1-A-7, A-9-A-10 and Mitigation Priority Recommendation M-11 (only) or any implementation steps supporting the CAP's adaptation and resilience actions or any supporting activity related to natural resources, tree cover, urban heat island,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Magnitude of cost for Task 4 provides possible range of costs to programmatically implement and support the CAP's Priority Recommendations. Overall range of cost will include the magnitude of planning costs estimated under Task 1. Gaps in funding will be identified with recommended solutions for alternative or additional sustainable funding sources (fees, taxes, grants, etc.). Researching climate action work of other jurisdictions will be leveraged to help inform costs.

healthy food systems, land use, energy, stormwater management, flood management, or water related issues in support of building the COUNTY's climate resilience.

# Work Category 3: Mitigation Priority Recommendations Technical Support (Category 3)

Tasks requiring specific technical expertise to provide planning and implementation capacity elements to support implementation of the CAP's Mitigation Priority Recommendations M-1-M-10, and Adaption Priority Recommendation A-8. Tasks under Category 3 will be specifically focused to help achieve the CAP's emission reduction goals. Task Order Work Plan activities under Category 3 will also help track and quantify the progress to implement the CAP's Mitigation priority recommendations as prioritized by the Climate Action Implementation Task Force.

#### Task 7: CAP Mitigation Implementation Program Support

For work activities identified and included in the Task Order Work Plan, COG and Contractor(s) will work with the COUNTY Staff to provide implementation support for the COUNTY's CAP Mitigation priority recommendations (M1-M10) or any implementation steps supporting the CAP's emission reduction goals by 2030 or the CAP's alignment with any mandated mitigation actions by the State of Maryland as required by the Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act (GGRA) and Climate Solutions Now Act for energy systems, distributed, clean and renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency, energy and climate justice, zero emission vehicles including charging infrastructure, high performance buildings including benchmarking and building performance standards.

## Task 8: Research, Data Collection, and Analysis for Mitigation Priority Recommendations

COG will work with the Contractor(s) and COUNTY Staff to provide services and deliverables, such as studies, research, data collection, analysis, and plans that support further planning and implementation of the COUNTY's Mitigation Priority Recommendations M-1-M-10 and Adaption Priority Recommendation A-8 (only) or any implementation steps supporting the CAP's emission reduction goals by 2030 or the CAP's alignment with any mandated mitigation actions by the State of Maryland as required by the Maryland's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act (GGRA) and Climate Solutions Now Act for energy systems, distributed, clean and renewable energy, energy conservation and efficiency, energy and climate justice, zero emission vehicles including charging infrastructure, high performance buildings including benchmarking and building performance standards