



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** Finance and Personnel Committee, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**PREPARED BY:** Trevor Jung, Transit & Mobility Director

**SUBJECT:**

Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to enter into a professional service agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC for the development and execution of a Sustainability as a Service Program.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Racine has a strong commitment to sustainability with a goal of pursuing carbon neutrality. This commitment, in tandem with the current availability of competitive federal and state funds, calls for the City of Racine to expand its ongoing partnership with McKinstry Essention, LLC to enhance its sustainability efforts thereby resulting in environmental stewardship and enhanced future operational savings.

McKinstry has offered a proposal to the City of Racine to provide a *Sustainability as a Service Program* – a functional arrangement to assist the City in planning, securing funding, and implementing sustainability and decarbonization initiatives.

This *Sustainability as a Service Program* includes:

- City of Racine Sustainability Plan and Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory Development
- Preliminary Assessment for the Electrification and Greening of the City of Racine’s Fleet
- Sustainability Baseline Tracking and Reporting – REVEAL™ Platform
- Federal and State Funding Assistance for applications specific to Appropriations, IJJA, IRA
- Energy Savings & Sustainability Implementation

This expanded partnership will enable the City of Racine more readily compete for federal and state grants that are provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Inflation Reduction Act, and other discretionary funds by developing a long-term sustainability framework.

McKinstry is well suited for this professional service arrangement due to prior engagement with the City of Racine. They have completed a citywide facilities assessment, energy evaluation study for federal funding, and a detailed engineering study for the City of Racine, which included a storage garage solar PV and battery energy storage feasibility analysis. Additionally, McKinstry is a company with experience and technical and management capabilities to provide for the discovery, engineering, packaging, procurement, installation, financing, maintenance and monitoring of energy saving measures at facilities similar in size, function and system type to Racine’s facilities.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Cost not to exceed \$96,000. Funding available in ARPA allocation.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Mayor and City Clerk be granted permission to enter into a professional service agreement with McKinstry Essention, LLC for the development and execution of a Sustainability as a Service Program.