



# DeKalb County Government

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## Agenda Item Substitute

**File #:** 2023-0555  
**File Status:** Action

8/8/2023

**Public Hearing:** YES  NO

**Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

### **SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All Commission Districts

A Resolution Calling for an Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review of All DeKalb County Government-Owned Buildings and Facilities.

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### **PURPOSE:**

This proposed resolution, calling for an request for proposal to perform and Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review of All DeKalb County Government-Owned buildings and facilities review, will assist with identifying potential energy efficiency improvements, assess the cost-effectiveness of implementing such improvements, and help prioritize energy efficiency measures.

### **NEED/IMPACT:**

DeKalb County Government recognizes that energy efficiency is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to combat climate change, clean the air we breathe, and reduce energy costs that are in all actuality tax-payers dollars. Supporting strategies to improve energy efficiency measures have the potential to reduce energy costs, improve indoor air quality, increase the comfort and productivity of occupants, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

DeKalb County government buildings and facilities consume a significant amount of energy, and there is a need to identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and costs.

In an effort to be the best stewards of both taxpayers' dollars and the earth, an Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review would enhance DeKalb County's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and energy consumption.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal impact in not known at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To adopt the attached resolution for an request for proposal to perform an Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review of All DeKalb County Government-Owned buildings and facilities and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary support and documents to initiate and complete this review.

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT AND ENERGY PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF ALL DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, energy efficiency measures have the potential to reduce energy costs, improve indoor air quality, increase the comfort and productivity of occupants, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, DeKalb County government buildings and facilities consume a significant amount of energy, and there is a need to identify opportunities to reduce energy consumption and costs; and

**WHEREAS**, an energy efficiency audit and energy performance review can identify potential energy efficiency improvements, assess the cost-effectiveness of implementing such improvements, and help prioritize energy efficiency measures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Administration, in conjunction with the Department of Facilities Management and the Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a request for proposals (“RFP”) to conduct an energy efficiency audit and energy performance review of all DeKalb County government-owned buildings and facilities, including but not limited to offices, libraries, recreational centers, and fire stations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the energy efficiency audit and energy performance review should include the following:

1. An assessment of current energy consumption and costs;
2. Identification of potential energy efficiency improvements;
3. An analysis of the cost-effectiveness of implementing such improvements;
4. A prioritization of energy efficiency measures based on cost-effectiveness and potential energy savings;
5. Recommendations for implementing the identified energy efficiency measures; and
6. An estimate of the expected energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reduction associated with the implementation of the identified energy efficiency measures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration is encouraged to report on the progress of the referenced RFP to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners within 180 days of

the adoption of this resolution and report the final results of the audit conducted pursuant to the RFP as soon after completion as practicable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration is encouraged work with the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to identify and secure funding for the implementation of the identified energy efficiency measures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners encourages all businesses and residents to also conduct energy efficiency audits and implement energy efficiency measures to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**ROBERT J. PATRICK**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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**MICHAEL L. THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Clerk  
Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer

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