


**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO, WARD 2
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brooke Pinto 
Chairperson, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
RE: Request to Agendize Measures from the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
for the December 17, 2024, Additional Legislative Meeting – Microgrid
DATE: December 12, 2024

I request that the measures listed below appear on the agenda for the legislative meeting on December 17, 2024, and, where required under Council Rule 231(c), on the agenda for the additional meeting of the Committee of the Whole preceding the legislative meeting.

Emergency Contract Legislation at the Request of the Mayor

- **PR25-XXXX, “Multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”**
- **PR25-XXXX, “Multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2024”**

Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 is a multiyear contract that requires Council approval pursuant to section 451(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51(c)).

Approval of Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 is necessary for the District to enter into a multiyear agreement with Ameresco, Inc. to develop a new resilient microgrid at the St. Elizabeths East campus, and to allow the District of Columbia government to purchase the energy generated by the microgrid for a 15-year period. Construction of the microgrid by Ameresco, Inc. must begin before December 31, 2024, in order for the microgrid to qualify for a Federal tax credit, without which development of the system is not economically viable. Given the time required for the development of the system, the District must act immediately.

The St. Elizabeths microgrid will bring numerous benefits to Ward 8, the new Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center GW Health, 801 East Men’s Shelter, and the Unified Communications Center. All energy offtakers will be able to maintain operations during grid outages, preserving 911 service and critical human and medical services. The project will lower energy costs for the District of Columbia government and St. Elizabeths Hospital, and the solar and onsite combined heat and power offer significant emission reductions compared to other grid power sources and diesel generators.

Filed versions of the measures are attached.

If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Linn Groft, Committee and Legislative Director, at lgroft@dccouncil.gov.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs