



Request # WCP25-020
(assigned by OMB)

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE
PROCESS**

Contract Title: IRA Land Operations Subaward to Landforce

Contract Description: Subaward through Domestic Grant 24-DG-11094200-178

Contract Duration: 2025-2029 Previous Contract # (if applicable) _____

Requesting Department: Public Works (DPW) Contract Type: Commodities

Requests for exemption must be based on one or more of the categories listed in City Code 161.02B located here:

Please list all exemption types that apply (see page 2) 4

Justification*:

See attached Exhibit A

Signed by: *Chris Hester*
Department Director

Date: 8/29/2025

*In addition to the justification, Law may request additional backup information.

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Jennifer Oljinger
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After completion, please email this form, along with any appropriate backup to procurement@pittsburghpa.gov

Waiver Request is hereby: X Granted Denied

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Krysia Kubiak
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If a waiver is granted, contract authorization is then required by City Council. Department shall submit appropriate legislation and note the Resolution number on this form and submit a copy along with the contract when submitting to the Controller's Office for signature.

EXHIBIT A: Justification

The City of Pittsburgh received an IRA Grant for converting vacant city owned land to greenspace. The Landforce organization was named in the grant as a subrecipient. Landforce's team will support the City's efforts by performing transformation of each parcel. Activities will include: clearing of invasive species, removal of hazardous materials/terrain, planting of trees and other vegetation, and construction of any pathways or structures.

Landforce is uniquely equipped to carry out these tasks as evident by their efficient and exemplary work and dedication to justice, the environment, and community empowerment. They support individuals who have faced structural barriers by providing them with training, education, and employment that produces a meaningful and tangible benefit for Pittsburgh communities. They are passionate about stewardship, quality of work, and inclusivity – all of which are guiding principles of this grant's objectives. Their team has built special, collaborative, trusting relationships with a wide array of partner organizations and stakeholders.