

November 1, 2024

President and Members of Council City-County Building 414 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## Dear President and Members of Council:

Enclosed is proposed legislation authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Management and Budget to execute relevant agreements with B2GNow to add a workforce module to our existing B2GNow contract through the end of its 2028 term. This contract, once authorized, will provide a key public service to track, measure, and assess the progress in recruiting, training, hiring, retaining, and promoting disadvantaged workers to support implementation of the Pittsburgh Workforce Hub on City contracts and in furtherance of the goals of Chapter 177A.02. In turn, this will be an opportunity to promote priority recruitment, training, hiring, and retention of disadvantaged worker populations. This will further the City's equity goals of providing individuals with equitable employment opportunities who reside in a community of Extreme or High Need (as designated by the Allegheny County Community Need Index) or falls into one of the following categories:

- System involved/emancipated youth (14-30) or opportunity youth
- Returning citizens and individuals having a criminal record or other involvement with the criminal justice system
- Custodial single parents/households
- Refugees and immigrants

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this important legislation.

Yours in service.

Ed Gainey, Mayor City of Pittsburgh

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