

**RESOLUTION 8-2022  
OF THE  
CAPITALIZE ALBANY CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Capitalize Albany Corporation (“Corporation”) is to facilitate strategic economic development and stimulate transformative investment throughout the City of Albany, making New York’s Capital a vibrant place to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of such mission, Liberty Square Development LLC (of which the Corporation is the sole member) has acquired both fee and leasehold interests on a number of parcels located in the Liberty Park area of Downtown Albany, and the Board views the redevelopment of such parcels, to be of the highest strategic importance to the City of Albany’s future, and in direct alignment with the Corporation’s mission; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act in 2019, which mandated the transition to a carbon-free electric grid by the year 2040 and a carbon-neutral economy by the year 2050 and has allocated funding to encourage the use of alternative energy systems with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) administering grant programs to fund the planning and implementation of community-style heat pump systems that utilize a network of pipes to share heating water within a fixed area/district; and

**WHEREAS**, Liberty Park presents an significant opportunity to contemplate such a district energy system and the Corporation desires to submit an application to NYSERDA seeking funding for the planning for such system, and in order to make the Corporation’s grant application more competitive for an award, the Corporation desires to retain an engineering firm to complete an analysis to determine if such a system is feasible both from the technical and economic perspective, including the identification of potential customers, preparing preliminary demand system load projections and performing below grade surface testing (the “Preliminary Study”); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Corporation’s procurement policy and pursuant to Board Resolution 4-2021, a request for proposals (“RFP”) was issued to four firms (all of which have been involved with prior NYSERDA grant awardees) to complete the Preliminary Study; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the RFP, two (2) proposals were received and evaluated by staff against the RFP criteria and based on such review, staff recommends awarding a contract to CHA Consulting (“CHA”) as both the lowest bidder and as being substantially familiar with Liberty Park due to CHA’s previous work for both the Corporation and the Convention Authority; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors approves staff’s recommendation to engage CHA pursuant to a written contract reviewed by staff/counsel to complete the Preliminary Study for an approximate cost of \$70,000 (noting it is expected that the Preliminary Study is eligible for reimbursement to the Corporation pursuant to the Liberty Park ESD Grant).

Signed: John Vero  
John Vero, Esq., Secretary

Date of Authorization: September 28, 2022  
Prepared by: Thomas M. Owens

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Board Member	Voting	Board Member	Voting	Board Member	Voting
Kaweeda Adams	Absent	Heather Mulligan	Abstain	John Vero	AYE
Michael Castellana	Absent	David Parente	AYE		
Sonya del Peral	AYE	Matthew Peter	AYE		
Michael Fancher	Absent	Havidan Rodriguez	AYE		
Anthony Gaddy	Absent	Anders Tomson	AYE		
John Harris	Absent	Karen Torrejon	Absent		
				Aye: 6 No: 0	
				Abstain: 1	