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DCPSC awards Preservation for Affordable Housing a \$2.5M Contract for a community geothermal pilot project at Barry Farm Redevelopment

(Washington, D.C.) The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (Commission) is pleased to announce the award of a \$2.5 million contract to Preservation for Affordable Housing (POAH) for a community geothermal pilot project at Barry Farm Redevelopment in Ward 8. This pilot project is part of the Commission's Formal Case No. 1130, the energy delivery system modernization initiative (MEDSIS) now known as PowerPathDC.

POAH is a leading national non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, create, and sustain affordable, healthy homes that support economic security, racial equity, and access to opportunity for all. POAH's partners on this project include Brightcore Energy and Engenium Group, recognized industry leaders in sustainable energy solutions. Brightcore Energy stands at the forefront as a prominent supplier of comprehensive clean energy solutions tailored for the commercial and institutional sectors. Their diverse portfolio encompasses cutting-edge offerings such as high-efficiency geothermal heating and cooling systems suitable for new constructions and retrofit projects and an array of emerging and innovative technologies. Engenium Group is a rapidly growing boutique engineering firm specializing in complex design projects for mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection in the D.C. metropolitan area.

"I am thrilled to announce that the Commission has selected POAH to build an innovative community geothermal pilot project at the Barry Farm Redevelopment. This project reflects our unwavering commitment to sustainable energy solutions and will help the District achieve its clean energy goals and set the standard for environmentally responsible and resilient communities in the District," stated Emile Thompson, Commission Chairman.

This pilot project marks the first initiative in the District to include a comprehensive community heat pump system. The project will replace conventional fossil fuel-based space conditioning systems and enhance and modernize the District's energy distribution infrastructure. The geothermal heat pump pilot project at the Barry Farm Redevelopment seeks to modernize heating and cooling systems by harnessing the Earth's consistent underground temperature. This innovative approach not only promises to reduce energy consumption significantly but also contributes to the development of environmentally responsible, cost-effective, and comfortable living conditions.

For more information about new procurement opportunities, the DCPSC encourages companies to join the [DCPSC Bidder's List](#).

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia is an independent agency established by Congress in 1913 to regulate electric, natural gas, and telecommunications companies in the District of Columbia.

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