

## City of Minneapolis Request for Committee Action

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**Subject:**

2016 Minneapolis Green Business Awards for Clean Air Projects and Pollution Reduction

**Description:**

Presentation of the 2016 Minneapolis Green Business Awards for Pollution Reduction in recognition of:

- **Smyth Printing**
- **Central Auto Body**
- **Unison Comfort Technologies**

**Previous Actions:**

None

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**Ward/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

In 2015, 3 businesses combined for 18,215lbs of VOC reductions through the Green Business Cost Share Program. We are also recognizing a business that is an industry leader in waterborne paint conversion for their sustainable practices in Minneapolis.

**Smyth Printing:** Produces innovative label design and manufacturing in South Minneapolis. Their initiative was the largest voluntary emission reduction not only in Minneapolis but statewide. Smyth Printing installed an innovative LED curing technology that reduced the amount of solvent necessary for printing operations in one of their painting lines. The change is expected to reduce 14,000lbs of VOC emissions annually.

**Central Auto Body:** Located in a residential neighborhood in Northeast Minneapolis, Central Auto Body was the first company to retrofit their paint booth to convert to waterborne paint. The change is a case study for low cost alternatives when a company has a slightly used but useable paint booth and transitions to waterborne paint. The cleaner technology eliminates harmful pollutants both inside and outside the business, which means cleaner air for their neighbors. The retrofit also came with new personal protection equipment for employees. This project eliminates 357lbs of harmful pollutants directly next to residential homes.

**Unison Comfort Technologies:** Unison Comfort Technologies, headquartered in North Minneapolis, is a heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) manufacturer that provides energy-efficient solutions for large, commercial buildings such as schools, shopping malls and data centers. Unison Comfort Technologies took advantage of the City of Minneapolis Green Business Cost Share Program as well as the Grow North initiative to change out an existing paint booth that was too small to hold large pieces of custom HVAC equipment. The new booth allows for a completely enclosed work environment in which to paint equipment and has updated personal protection for employees. This project eliminates 3,340lbs of harmful chemical pollutants and 518lbs of fine particulate pollution in North Minneapolis.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**