

# Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: August 3, 2009

To: Honorable Scott Benson, Chair Health, Energy and Environment Committee

**Referral:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: Approval to Obtain Proposals for Energy Auditing Services for Various City

Owned Facilities.

#### Recommendation:

That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to obtain proposals for Energy Auditing Services related to various City owned facilities in compliance with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). Funding for this work shall be provided through EECBG funds.

#### **Previous Directives:**

June 12, 2009: Resolution 2009R-248, authorizing the proper City Officers to submit an application to the United States Department of Energy seeking EECBG funds to support Energy Efficiency and Conservation at Local Government Facilities.

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Approved by:

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**Reviews** 

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval X Date 7/23/09

Civil Rights Approval Approval X Date 6/30/09

Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval <u>NA</u> Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Financial Impact**

Other financial impact: Funds for this work shall be provided through the EECBG Grant Program. Contracts will be contingent upon approval of the City EECBG grant request.

### **Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: NA

City Goals: Supports the City's goal for an Enriched Environment.

Comprehensive Plan: Supports the Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth

(Policy 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3)

Zoning Code: NA

## **Background/Supporting Information**

In June of 2009 the City Council authorized City Officials to submit an application to the United States Department of Energy seeking \$3,900,000 in funding (formula based) as part of the EECBG Grant Program. A portion of these funds (50%) are intended to be used for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at local government facilities. Specifically, EECBG funds can be utilized for:

- Development and implementation of an energy efficiency and conservation strategy.
- Retaining technical consultant services to assist the eligible entity in the development of such a strategy.
- Conducting building energy audits.
- Grants to governmental agencies for the purpose of performing energy efficiency retrofits.
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.

Facility Energy Auditing is an assessment process, focusing on the architectural, mechanical, electrical and lighting systems within a building and their impact on energy usage. It is the intent of the City to utilize the results of these audits to establish and implement a program of systems upgrades, replacements, and retrofits in order to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions The City will utilize an independent consultant to perform energy audits at selected City facilities. Therefore, the Property Services Division is requesting permission to obtain proposals in order to select a professional consulting firm. Property Services staff has presented the Request for Proposal to the Permanent Review Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting held on July 23, 2009.