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

Date: May 23, 2002  
To: Transportation & Public Works Committee  
Referral to: N/A

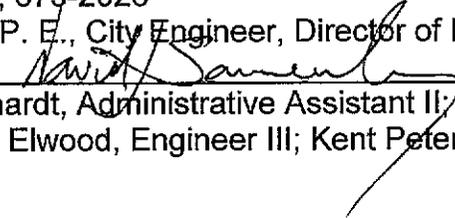
**Subject:** Appreciation awards presented to Public Works from the University of Minnesota IT APEXES program for continued commitment to diversity.

**Recommendation:**

Receive information regarding Public Works' outreach activities with students of color and the awards presented to Public Works from the University of Minnesota APEXES program (*Academic Programs for Excellence in Engineering & Science focusing on traditionally underrepresented populations*).

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By: David J. Sonnenberg 

Presenters in Committee: Elise Ehardt, Administrative Assistant II; LaChelle Drayton, Associate Director of APEXES; Don Elwood, Engineer III; Kent Peterson, Engineering Aide II

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Minneapolis Public Works Department continues to expand our recruiting and outreach efforts to community agencies and people of color to promote the wide variety of job opportunities in the department. Over the last year, Public Works has collaborated with the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology APEXES program on several initiatives to promote the engineering field and to connect students of color with our department and staff.

The presentation to the Committee will include:

- I. Introduction and summary of outreach activities with the University of Minnesota APEXES program
- II. Highlights of the Heart of the Earth Bridge Building project and May 2<sup>nd</sup> field trip
- III. Awards presented to Public Works at the APEXES Spring Banquet