

**RESOLUTION
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

Presented by _____

***Resolution Accepting the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Joint Powers Agreement Between
the City of Minneapolis and the City of Saint Paul***

- 1 WHEREAS, in 2006 Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Saint Paul Mayor Christopher B. Coleman launched the
2 Mayors' Initiative on Green Manufacturing with the Blue Green Alliance to make the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area a
3 national leader in the growing green economy; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, the Minneapolis City Council adopted the Minneapolis Good Jobs, Green Jobs resolution in July, 2008,
6 to integrate strategies throughout the City's work to capture the benefits of the emerging green economy for
7 Minneapolis; and
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- 9 WHEREAS, part of the work of the Mayors' Initiative on Green Manufacturing involved creation of the
10 "Thinc.Green^{MSP} 2010-12 Market Strategic Plan" (the "Thinc.Green^{MSP} Plan") which identifies various branding,
11 marketing, strategic investment, and leadership initiatives dedicated to building a green economy; and
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- 13 WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 471.59 (the "Joint Powers Act") provides that two or more governmental
14 units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any
15 power common to the contracting parties; and
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- 17 WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul and the City of Minneapolis are "governmental units" under the Joint Powers
18 Act, with powers under their home rule charters and/or state law to expend money, make loans, convey lands, and
19 take other necessary or convenient actions to promote, advertise, improve, and develop the economic resources of
20 the cities; and
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- 22 WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul and the City of Minneapolis desire to enter into a joint powers agreement to
23 advance and implement the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Plan, and have agreed to all material terms thereto.
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- 25 Now, therefore, be it
- 26 **RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis that the Finance Officer or designee is hereby
27 authorized and directed to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul in substantially the form
28 on file with the City (the "Joint Powers Agreement") to advance and implement the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Plan strategic
29 initiatives; and be it further
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- 31 **RESOLVED**, that the purpose of the Joint Powers Agreement is to provide a structure for Minneapolis and Saint
32 Paul to jointly manage and implement the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Plan; and be it further
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- 34 **RESOLVED**, that the Joint Powers Agreement shall establish a Thinc.Green^{MSP} Steering Committee, which will
35 provide a forum for the coordination of private, public, and intergovernmental efforts to grow the region's green
36 economy; and include representatives of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Mayors' Offices (or their designees);
37 Minneapolis and Saint Paul economic development staff, manufacturing or the construction industry, finance,
38 statewide or regional economic development agencies, marketing or communications, and business associations; and
39 be it further
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- 41 **RESOLVED**, that the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Steering Committee will make periodic recommendations on strategic
42 initiatives and issue annual reports to the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Mayors and City Councils; and be it further

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44 **RESOLVED**, that Minneapolis and Saint Paul will each assign an employee to provide staffing assistance to the
45 Committee, including but not limited to preparing agendas, meeting minutes, resolutions, reports and other necessary
46 documentation; and be it further

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48 **RESOLVED**, that Minneapolis and Saint Paul will jointly apply to register the Thinc.Green^{MSP} Manufacturing
49 Better Business (or variation thereof) servicemark and shall enjoy joint use and ownership of the servicemark and
50 other property rights related thereto.
