

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Contract with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for weatherization data conversion to public summary data

Description:

Authorizing a professional and technical services contract with the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce to prepare summary data for the State based on nonpublic or private weatherization data provided by the State, such contract to include, among other provisions, an agreement by the City to hold harmless and indemnify the State as to all the City's actions regarding the data that might give rise to liability. The contract is for \$0 and expires June 30, 2016, or until all obligations have been met, whichever occurs first.

Previous Actions:

Minneapolis Climate Action Plan – Adopted June 2013
Minneapolis Carbon Reduction Goal of 80% by 2050 – Adopted April 2014
Clean Energy Partnership MOUs execution – Adopted October 2014

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

In order to development baseline metrics for measuring the performance of the Clean Energy Partnership, the Sustainability office has been working with our energy utilities to compile information on the usage of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs in Minneapolis. Low-income weatherization programs, administered by the State, are not the focus of the Clean Energy Partnership, however, it is important when discussing energy efficiency work in Minneapolis with various constituencies, that we have baseline information on weatherization visits as well as “regular” utility ratepayer-funded programs. The distinction between utility-administered and State-administered efficiency programs is not always clear to the layperson, and capturing both sets of data is important to understanding progress towards our energy goals.

City staff have been meeting and working with staff from the State Department of Commerce in 2015 to access data the State keeps on weatherization visits. This contract would allow the City to access, and analyze, private data kept by the state for the purposes of producing public, summarized data, cleaned of any identifying information. The attached contract is the State's

preferred mechanism to allow access to this data for analysis without exposing private information on individual weatherization clients. The contract is for \$0 and expires when the work is complete.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Attachments:

1. Professional and Technical Services Contract between the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis.