



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Community Planning and Economic Development Department**

Date: October 27, 2004

To: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair, Community Development Committee

Subject: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consultant to Evaluate Need for a New Entity to Participate in Riverfront Revitalization

Presenter in Committee: Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director 673-5196

Approved by: Lee Sheehy, Director _____

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP)

Previous Directives:

None.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact:

Wards: 2, 3, 4, 5

Neighborhood Group Notification: NA, but the Above the Falls Citizens Advisory Committee is aware of this RFP.

City Goals: Preserve, protect and enhance the central and upper Mississippi riverfront.

Comprehensive Plan: There are multiple adopted plans for the central and upper Mississippi riverfronts that are incorporated in the comprehensive plan.

Zoning Code: NA

Living Wage/Job Linkage: NA

Other: NA

Background/Supporting Information

The Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) seeks to issue an RFP for a consultant to assist the City in evaluating the need for a new entity to participate in riverfront revitalization and, if the need is established, to assist in developing and formalizing an organizational structure for the new entity.

In general, the services are to be performed in two phases:

Phase I -- Prepare, convene, and support a stakeholder process to determine the feasibility and desirability of creating an appropriate organization to promote and participate in the revitalization of the Minneapolis riverfront.

Phase II – If such an organization is determined to be feasible and desirable, take the necessary steps to create the organization.

The PRC reviewed the RFP on October 14. Comments from the PRC have been incorporated into the RFP.

Based on a discussion with representatives from The McKnight Foundation, it is likely that the consultant's costs will be paid for by a grant from the foundation. Future Council actions that will be proposed to move this process forward will include authorization to accept such a grant and enter into a contract with the selected consultant.