



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of BIS

Date November 15, 2010

To: The Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Hennepin County PEWS contract

Recommendation Authorize proper City officials to a) execute a contract with Hennepin County to develop, maintain and license the Property Early Warning System (PEWS) application and b) receive \$226,002 from Hennepin County.

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City Coordinator

Presenter in Committee Elizabeth Cousins

Policy Review Group X Not Applicable

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) X Not Applicable

Prior Related Directives:

Financial Impact: None.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (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 department's finance contract prior to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

In 2004 the City of Minneapolis partnered with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs to create a data-sharing tool called the Property Early Warning System (PEWS). This system identifies properties at-risk of foreclosure, abandonment, or becoming problem properties. Hennepin County would like the City to continue to develop the capabilities of PEWS, maintain it, and license it to the County. In return the County has agreed to pay the City \$226,002 for this service. BIS is seeking the approval of Council to execute a contract with Hennepin County for the services listed above and receive \$226,002 from Hennepin County.