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### **City Manager's Office**

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#### **SUBJECT—**

Approving a Lease between the City of Des Moines and Park Fair Mall for installation of an emergency electrical generator and approving an agreement between the City and Grand View College (GVC) for the installation, transfer and maintenance of an emergency generator.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

With council approval, a contract will be awarded at the November 21, 2005 City Council meeting for the installation of an emergency electrical generator at the Park Fair Mall and at GVC. A new lease must be entered into to provide for the additional space needed for the generator. An agreement with GVC is needed to allow installation of the generator, to document the transfer of ownership to GVC, and to provide that GVC will keep the generator operational and available for use in the event of terrorism or a natural disaster.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

The lease is for \$1.00 per year. Electrical generator installation is funded by a Federal Grant, Park Fair EOC Standby Power, 542010, SP750, FIR970002, OPR163, Act ID 10-2004-010. There is no payment to or from GVC.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval.

## **BACKGROUND—**

The City of Des Moines has received a Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant from the Federal Government for improving the metro area's ability to manage catastrophic incidents, whether the result of a terrorist event or a natural disaster. A critical element for emergency operations is the ability to provide electrical power during utility outages. The City of Des Moines will use the Federal Grant funds to install two electrical generators, one at Grandview College and the one at Park Fair Mall. The generator at Grandview College will provide power to a medical emergency shelter necessary to develop the necessary surge capacity (the maximum patient load a medical system can handle) required when and if a bioterrorism or natural disaster occurs. Grandview College is part of a metro wide agreement with hospitals and other government agencies. The installation will be accomplished in accordance with the terms of the shelter agreement where Grandview College is responsible for the

generator operations. The generator will provide power for citizens using the shelter during emergencies.

The second generator will be installed at Park Fair Mall where the City of Des Moines currently has office space for the Municipal Housing Agency. In conjunction with the Municipal Housing Agency, the City also has facilities for an emergency operation center (EOC) at Park Fair Mall. The generator will be installed in space which is adjacent to, but not part of the Municipal Housing Agency's current lease area. The generator will provide emergency power to the EOC and for Municipal Housing Agency areas. The generator will be owned by the City of Des Moines and the City will have the right to relocate the generator if the lease with Park Fair Mall is ever terminated.