

Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date:	December 19, 2011
Agenda Item No.	[]
Roll Call No.	[]
Communication No.	<u>11-769</u>
Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.,
	City Engineer, and
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AGENDA HEADING:

Accepting Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) State Energy Program (SEP) Grant Funding in the amount of \$75,000, Approving Grant Contract for same and Authorizing Mayor to execute such Contract, and Authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute Assignment and Assumption Agreement of said Grant to WRA.

SYNOPSIS:

The staff of the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) applied for funding for IEDA and was awarded a grant. The IEDA SEP Grant requires a match of 50% or in this case \$75,000 of the \$150,000 total project for the purchase and installation of the Continuous Commissioning Controls at the WRA facility.

SEP Grants can only be awarded to units of local governments such as cities, counties and their equivalent. The IEDA requires that the grant go to the City and that the City execute the grant contract; therefore, it is necessary to assign the contract to the WRA. The WRA is approving a Resolution authorizing the WRA Director to enter into an agreement with the City in which the WRA agrees to comply with the terms of the grant contract. The WRA has authorized execution of an agreement that includes the WRA accepting responsibility to the City for all violations of the grant requirements by the WRA and authorizing the Director to administer the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

WRA will be solely responsible for providing the \$75,000 in matching funds for the project

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$75,000

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2012+ WRA CIP, Page 10, WRA Small Projects, & Process Equipment Repl for 2012 & 2013, WRA098, WRA Repair & Replacement Funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The purpose of the IEDA SEP Grant is to provide funding, via a competitive grant process, to assist local governments in creating and implementing strategies to: 1) reduce fossil emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable, and to the maximum extent practicable, maximize benefits for local and regional communities; 2) reduce total energy use of the eligible entities; 3) improve energy efficiency in the building, transportation and other appropriate sectors; and 4) create and retain jobs.

The grant funds are awarded on a one-to-one basis or a 50% percent match is required. The WRA will be responsible for providing the matching funds requirements for the project. It is estimated, the projects will be completed by March 31, 2012.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

<u>Date</u>: May 10, 2010

Roll Call Number: 10-723

Action: Acceptance of State of Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Sub-Recipient Contract for the installation of a Continuous Commissioning System for use by the WRA funding of \$83,225 and authorizing City Manager to negotiate and execute Assignment and Assumption Agreement. (Council Communication No. 10-265) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: WRA Board

Date: April 20, 2010

Resolution Number: 10-60

<u>Action</u>: Resolution Approving and Authorizing execution of an agreement with the City of Des Moines, Iowa for the City of Des Moines to accept an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Sub-Recipient contract in the amount of \$83,225, on behalf of the WRA.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approve purchases associated with the grant projects.

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