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**Date** March 28, 2011

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM SEBESTA BLOMBERG & ASSOCIATES INC. TO CONDUCT AN ENERGY USE ANALYSIS AND PLAN FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF DES MOINES UNDER THE ECO CORE DOWNTOWN SUSTAINABILITY STUDY AND APPROVING CONTRACT FOR SAME IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$122,500

WHEREAS, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or 2009, which the President signed into law on February 17, 2009, to stimulate the economy and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, ARRA included \$3.2 billion in funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and signed into law on December 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, Iowa was awarded EECBG funding under contract award DE-SC0003333, which authorized the Eco Core Downtown Sustainability Study; and

WHEREAS, The Eco Core Downtown Sustainability Study is intended to provide participating building owners with useful, practical information on ways to improve the energy performance of their buildings, resulting in improvements than can offer substantial abilities to reduce operation and maintenance costs, increase occupancy rates and increase building valuation. It is reasoned that new investment in the existing downtown office building stock can lead to increased environmental sustainability as well as enhanced competitiveness for the improved spaces within the City of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines intends to comply with all agreed upon contractual requirements of ARRA, the EECBG program and other federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2011, a Request for Proposal (RFP) V11-056 to conduct an Energy Usage and Analysis and Plan was issued by the Procurement Division of the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Administrator solicited proposals by advertising and mailing RFP V11-056 to 5 potential proposers with 4 proposals received; and

WHEREAS, an Evaluation and Selection Committee has reviewed the proposals and has recommended that a contract for such services be awarded to Sebesta Blomberg & Associates Inc. ,d/b/a Sebesta Blomberg, 2381 Rosegate, Roseville, MN 5511, Richard Ney, Principal-in-Charge, 305 Second Street SE, Suite 210, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; and

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WHEREAS, City staff have negotiated a Professional Services Agreement for such services with Sebesta Blomberg & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$122,5000, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the proposal from Sebesta Blomberg & Associates Inc. for professional services to conduct an Energy Use Analysis and Plan is hereby accepted and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, said Professional Services Agreement, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, for and on behalf of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

(Council Communication Number 11- 182 attached)

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Ann DiDonato  
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Assistant City Attorney

Activity ID 01-2011-025

Funding Source: 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Page 73, Community Development Federal Stimulus Money, Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, EECBG0001

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
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MOORE				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk