



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend Sub-Grantee Contract with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum (\$39,500.00)

The attached resolution authorizes a \$39,500.00 amendment to a sub-grantee agreement with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum to design and construct a series of mobile solar exhibits as part of the City's Solar America Cities grant.

Ann Arbor was one of 25 cities in the United States designated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as a Solar America City. This federal program has a goal of establishing a core group of cities to serve as examples to the rest of the nation on how to implement successful solar energy programs at the municipal level. Hands-On Museum is one of eleven partners who, along with the City, committed to provide a total of \$355,008.00 in matching funds and in-kind services for this grant. Hands-On Museum has previously completed a solar exhibit at their museum in partnership with the City's Fire Station #1 solar water heater and is designing another project for the Farmers Market solar system. As a result of this ongoing partnership, Hands-On Museum was designated the best source vendor to complete the mobile solar exhibits work in order to maintain a consistent message and look and feel across the City's solar education efforts.

The mobile solar exhibits are a part of the City's efforts to reach out and educate area residents about the value of solar energy as a resource while teaching basic science concepts. The exhibits will be capable of being easily transported (together or independently) so that they can be moved between different public spaces as needed. Examples of locations where the exhibits may be displayed include library lobbies, City Hall, schools, and the Mayor's Green Fair. Several locations have already expressed an interest in hosting the exhibits temporarily, and Hands-On Museum has indicated a willingness to arrange "travel" logistics for the exhibits while housing the exhibits between trips.

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Approved By: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, In July 2007, the US Department of Energy awarded the City of Ann Arbor a \$200,000.00 Solar America Cities Project grant to lead an effort to integrate solar energy throughout the Ann Arbor community by 2015;

Whereas, This grant brought together a strong, extensive public-private partnership in the Ann Arbor community and demonstrates a true commitment by this community to move to clean, sustainable energy for our future;

Whereas, The City engaged 11 community partners to commit a total of \$355,008.00 in matching funds and in-kind services making a project total of \$555,008.00;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is one of the City's original partners and has worked with the City on other solar energy exhibits, including a display of real-time temperature data from the Fire Station #1 solar water heater system;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum was deemed the best source to construct these mobile solar exhibits due to a desire to maintain a consistent message and look and feel across the City's solar education activities;

Whereas, The Hands-On Museum received Human Rights approval and Living Wage approval on March 21, 2012; and

Whereas, \$39,500.00 is available for this work in the Solar America Cities Project grant;

RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes an amendment to the sub-grant agreement with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum in the amount of \$39,500.00 funded from the Solar America Cities Project grant (00MG-029-0358-1329) to construct mobile solar exhibits;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the amended contract after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.