

## RESOLUTION NO. 130616

Authorizing the City Manager to submit a proposal to the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Institute for Market Transformation to participate in the City Energy Project.

WHEREAS, the City Energy Project (the "Project") is a three-year project sponsored by Natural Resources Defense Council ("NRDC") and Institute for Market Transformation ("IMT") to work with 10 cities to adopt and implement policies and programs to increase energy efficiency in large commercial and institutional buildings; and

WHEREAS, NRDC and IMT have invited the City of Kansas City, Missouri (the "City") and approximately 20 other cities to submit proposals to participate by August 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, if selected to participate in the Project, the City would receive technical assistance from NRDC and IMT, as well as input and feedback from the other cities adopting and implementing policies and programs as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, a primary focus of the Project will be on benchmarking energy use in large commercial and institutional buildings together with disclosure of energy usage; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently benchmarking energy use in its own buildings and wishes to disclose its energy usage in order to encourage other buildings owners to do likewise; and

WHEREAS, several owners and managers of large commercial and institutional buildings in Kansas City are actively benchmarking, supportive of the City's proposal, willing to disclose their energy usage, sharing usage information, improving the energy efficiency of their buildings and promoting energy efficiency improvements by other large building owners; and

WHEREAS, the Project provides an opportunity for the City to work collaboratively with the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas City Industrial Council, Kansas City Power and Light Company and building owners in the city in a manner similar to that used to develop the City's Climate Protection Plan (the "Plan") and recent upgrades to the City's energy code for newly-constructed and renovated buildings; and

WHEREAS, improving the energy efficiency of large commercial and institutional buildings would help Kansas City achieve community-wide greenhouse gas ("GHG") reduction goals in its Plan while simultaneously helping building owners reduce energy use and utility costs; and

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WHEREAS, selection to participate in the Project would further reinforce the City's position as a national leader among municipalities who are promoting energy efficiency, energy conservation, and GHG reductions; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Manager is authorized to submit a proposal to the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Institute for Market Transformation to participate in the City Energy Project.

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