

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 11

Meeting Date: 4/27/10

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract for Exhibit Development for RPU Education Center at Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center

PREPARED BY: Tony Benson, Communications Coordinator

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

The Utility Board received a presentation in November 2009 from Greg Munson representing the Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center (CM). The presentation was an overview of the project with plans for the building to be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building with educational opportunities throughout the facility and property focused on energy efficiency, wise water use, and renewable energy. RPU was asked to join the project to help increase the energy and water education of CM by Jack Remick who is building the facility.

As part of our agreement to lease and support 2,000 square feet of educational exhibit space, we have committed to providing educational exhibits on energy and water education. RPU staff have been working with Kidzibits for professional services related to the educational exhibit named the RPU Conserve & Save Energy Fun House.

There are four main educational concepts to the exhibit:

- Energy Sources
- What's in a (Kilo) Watt?
- Powering Up!
- Small Steps, Big Changes

The exhibit construction timeline will be in line with the opening of CM scheduled for September 2010.

FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:

The work for this contract remains within the amount budgeted for the RPU Education Center at CM for 2010.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Management recommends that the Board approve the Fabrication Services Agreement from Kidzibits in the amount of \$139,600, and request that the Mayor and City Clerk execute the agreement.


General Manager


Date

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to approve a Fabrication Services Agreement from Kidzibits, and to request that the Mayor and the City Clerk execute the Agreement for

Exhibit Development for RPU Education Center at
Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environment Science Center

The amount of the Agreement to be ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$139,600.00).

Passed by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, this 27th day of April, 2010.

President

Secretary