

FOR BOARD ACTION

Agenda Item # 6

Meeting Date:

7/27/10

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract with Kidzbits for Phase 2 RPU Education Center Exhibits at Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environmental Science Center

PREPARED BY: Tony Benson, Communications Coordinator

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Phase 1 of the RPU Education Center exhibit was approved by the Utility Board at the April 2010 meeting. Staff worked with Kidzbits to make Phase 1 a standalone exhibit, but in order to provide our customers and visitors with the greatest educational value, Phase 2 inclusion is necessary.

Phase 2 will include the following educational concepts for visitors when exploring the RPU Energy Fun House:

- Be A Phantom Detective – interactive display that encourages visitors to find appliances that draw electricity while turned off.
- Running on Energy Star – whimsical stacks of appliances attached to a bike generator.
- Infra-Red Walls – detect where heat or cooled air is escaping.
- Bathroom – detect simple savings located in the bathroom.
- RPU Customers Talk Back – a bulletin board for interactive questions by visitors.
- Emerging Technologies graphics – introduction to emerging technologies.

Kidzbits is confident that Phase 2 will be completed to meet the public opening scheduled for later this year.

FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES/BIDS/MAJOR PROJECTS:

The Phase 2 contract amount is \$97,500. \$30,000 will come from the marketing Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) 2010 budget and \$67,500 will come from the 2010 contingency budget.

UTILITY BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the Fabrication Services Agreement with Kidzbits for Phase 2 of the RPU Energy Fun House in the amount of \$97,500, and request that the Mayor and City Clerk execute the agreement.


General Manager

7-23-10
Date

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FABRICATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

7.13.10

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PROJECT: RPU Conserve and Save Energy Fun House - 2
COMPANY: Rochester Public Utility
REPRESENTATIVE: Tony Benson
PHONE: 507-280-1534 **FAX:**

This agreement includes all of the items provided by KidZibits, as described below:

RPU Conserve and Save Energy Fun House at Cascade Meadow - Phase 2:

Per Design Development Document dated 2/19/10.

KidZibits will provide the following:

Be a Phantom Detective	\$11,050
Running on Energy Star	\$38,600
Infra-Red Walls	\$12,100
Bathroom	\$14,150
RPU Customers Talk Back	\$6,500
Emerging Technologies graphics	\$7,000
Installation allowance	\$4,500
Performance Bond	\$3,600
Phase two exhibit total:	\$97,500

Dated: _____

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES

General Manager

CITY OF ROCHESTER

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Reviewed By:

City Attorney



RESOLUTION

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

Phase 2 Exhibit Development for RPU Education Center at
Cascade Meadow Wetlands and Environment Science Center

The amount of the Agreement to be NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$97,500.00).

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

President

Secretary