



Source: Public Works

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Agenda Item No: REP 110-13

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Staff

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Council Meeting Date: July 15, 2013

Re: City of Columbia Receives Silver Environmental Health Services Certification

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning the City of Columbia Public Works department being recognized by the Green Clean Institute, a Columbia Chamber of Commerce member, with the Silver Environmental Health Services certification for the healthy use of procedures, products and equipment.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the new City Government Center construction, and specifically the intent to meet LEED certification, the Public Works department custodial staff adopted a new Green Cleaning Program. The program requires that all cleaning products purchased and used by staff, meet sustainability guidelines in order to achieve the goal of reducing human exposure to potentially hazardous chemical, biological and particulate contaminants which adversely affect air quality, human health, building finishes and the environment. Staff went above and beyond this policy program and took the initiative to enroll in training and course work through the Green Clean Institute for Janitorial Education and Certification. Because of this initiative, the City of Columbia is the first Municipality in the United States to achieve certification. A special ceremony was held June 26, 2013 to recognize staff and bring awareness to the community of this Public Works sustainable and environmental health services program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None, the program has been budgeted.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

High level, comprehensive, responsive services—from library, to police, emergency, substance abuse, and public works—keep the city clean, safe, and beautiful, and citizens informed and knowledgeable; provide equitable treatment to all, incorporate input from citizens, and support the high quality of life of the community.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

For Information only.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	Yes	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	6
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	2013