



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
November 1, 2005

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Grant: Utility Benchmarking System From California Energy Commission

**Location/Council District:** Citywide.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Accepting a grant from the California Energy Commission in the amount of \$10,000 (Fund 248), and 2) allowing the funds to be used to assist in the implementation of a utility account management system (PN: DB31).

**Contact:** Keith Roberts, Senior Engineer, (916) 808-4726; Bob Williamson, Supervising Architect, (916) 808-8430

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Department of General Services

**Division:** Facilities and Real Property Management

**Organization No:** 3282

**Summary:**

Staff was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the California Energy Commission to assist with the implementation of an energy benchmarking process and utility account management system. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept this grant and properly account for the grant funds.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None.

**Background Information:**

In August 2003, City Council appropriated \$196,000 to allow the City to purchase, install, and operate a Utility Account Management System (UAMS). In part, the UAMS will allow the City to perform energy benchmarking of its facilities.

In March 2004, the Department of General Services applied for a \$10,000 grant from the California Energy Commission to help defray the costs of the UAMS.

On March 30, 2005, the California Energy Commission Board of Commissioners approved the use of the grant to help assist the City in achieving its goals with respect to energy benchmarking.

**Financial Considerations:**

Acceptance of this grant from the California Energy Commission will reduce the total expenditures in the existing Capital Improvement Project (PN: DB31) by \$10,000.

**Environmental Considerations:**

The actions taken based on this report will improve regional and global air quality, reduce demand on natural resources, and lower increased demands on City-owned infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, and solid waste).

**Policy Considerations:**

This policy consideration is consistent with the City's Smart Growth principles, the City Council's Strategic Plan goal to improve sustainability and livability, the goal of reducing energy and water consumption, and continuing to implement energy efficiency measures for the City's systems and facilities.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

The successful vendor's training sub-contractor is registered with the City Office of Small Business Development.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Approved by:  *For*  
Reina J. Schwartz  
Director, Department of General Services

Recommendation Approved:

  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 1, 2005

**GRANT: UTILITY ACCOUNT BENCHMARKING SYSTEM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Energy efficiency and conservation saves money and is an environmentally sustainable means of enhancing energy reliability and economic prosperity in California.
- B. Benchmarking of Facilities and using the information to improve operations is a proven method to reduce energy consumption in Facilities.
- C. The California Energy Commission has granted the City \$10,000 so that an energy benchmarking system can be installed and operated in an effort to reduce City energy costs.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Council hereby accepts a grant from the California Energy Commission in the amount of \$10,000.
- Section 2. The City Council allows the funds to be used to offset the cost of implementing a utility account benchmarking system (PN: DB31).