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PROPERTY MANAGER/OWNER

Re: Roseville Voluntary Benchmarking Program

Dear business owners and property managers,

The City of Roseville invites you to join the city's efforts to eliminate energy waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The City of Roseville is working with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) and the Great Plains Institute (GPI) to set up a **Voluntary Benchmarking Program** to help businesses and residential building owners track energy usage.

By tracking building energy use through a Building Energy Benchmarking Program, Roseville building owners and property managers can take the first step to improve building energy management and efficiency. The purpose of this program is to reduce energy consumption in existing buildings. The city plans to do this by promoting efficiency improvements that will lower energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, this helps to increase comfort, safety, and health of participating building occupants.

A key to understanding and reducing energy consumption is to first track a building's energy usage. Benchmarking is the ongoing review of building energy and water performance to ensure a building is using energy and water as anticipated -- comparing to its past performance and to the performance of buildings of similar size and type.

Today, many cities are looking for ways to reduce energy-related pollution while helping businesses thrive, and benchmarking is one option that can help lower emissions and reduce building operation costs. To make the best decisions for their properties, building owners and managers need easily comprehensible, whole-building efficiency metrics. To that end, Roseville is working with CEE and GPI to ensure communities are given tools that provide transparency on a building's energy use and identify areas for improvement. This includes hosting virtual workshops and demonstrating the tools needed to succeed.

This spring, the city will host workshops to inform interested businesses and property owners about the benefits and logistics of the benchmarking program. Participants will be given the resources and directions to track and report energy usage and emissions of their buildings. Using the information that is collected, owners and occupants will be better able to understand a building's energy performance and identify opportunities to save money and cut energy waste.

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If you are interested in learning more, check out the Roseville website at www.CityOfRoseville.com/VoluntaryBenchmarking or contact Minnesota GreenCorps member Will Ristow at william.ristow@cityofroseville.com or 651-703-0301.

Sincerely,

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