



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Mayor

25 February 2011

Congresswoman Betty McCollum
165 Western Avenue North
Suite 17
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Congresswoman McCollum:

Re: March 18, 2011 Solar District Energy Celebration Event

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the City of Saint Paul's Solar District Energy Celebration on March 18, 2011 at 10 am.

The City of Saint Paul is partnering with District Energy St. Paul to construct the Midwest's largest solar thermal project atop of the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Not only is it the largest installation in Minnesota, it's also the only hot water solar project in U.S. integrated with a district heating system with a Megawatt peak production capacity.

The City of Saint Paul received \$1 Million in Federal Stimulus funds through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Solar America Cities Market Transformation program which District Energy matched with an additional \$1 Million.

The City and District Energy St. Paul are hosting an event to celebrate the project completion on **Friday, March 18, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Landmark Towers which is located at 345 St. Peter Street in Saint Paul.**

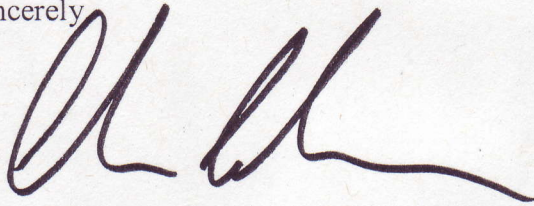
The City has also extended invitations to Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, Governor Mark Dayton and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu to participate in the program. Representatives from District Energy St. Paul and Saint Paul RiverCentre will be participating as well. We anticipate 100 people attending as well as all of the major media outlets.

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If you need additional information about this event, please contact Anne Hunt,
Environmental Policy Director, at 651.266.8520 or anne.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Let me thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Your presence will
advance our efforts significantly.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Coleman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor