



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Mayor

August 30, 2011

William Grant, Deputy Commissioner
MN Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
Saint Paul, MN 55101

RE: City of Saint Paul's support for the Minnesota SunShot Initiative

Dear Commissioner Grant:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment of on behalf of the City of Saint Paul for the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge to Induce Market Transformation grant application (Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000549).

The Cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis have appreciated working with the Department of Commerce to advance the solar industry in the cities and throughout the State of Minnesota. Together with our partners in Solar America Cities, we have demonstrated the value of solar; increased the demand and strengthened the industry but more work is needed to further the solar market and establish Minnesota as solar industry leader.

The Department assembled for this application a remarkable team including City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, Fresh Energy and other nonprofit and business organizations and the City of Saint Paul is please to be part of this effort. This planning grant will help us understand the next steps to advance the widespread use of solar throughout Minnesota. The phase 2 implementation will further the development of large scale solar investments and improve the solar market in our community.

The City's cost share amount includes \$5,190.60 (approximately 1%) worth of staff time in Phase 1 of the project as outlined in the grant application

If you need additional information about the grant application, 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 Department's leadership in renewable energy development and this grant, if secured, would advance our efforts significantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher B. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor