



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
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CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN  
Mayor

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Ms. Trinity Simons, Director  
Mayors' Institute on City Design  
1799 New York Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ms. Simons,

Just this past October 2012 the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation hosted the Mayors' Institute on City Design Midwest 2012 where seven mayors from Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. They found it to be a valuable experience; both in helping to re-examine a challenging issue in their city and also for the camaraderie of working closely with fellow mayors. Your model – practical, hands-on collaboration between mayors – is so effective in helping cities find solutions to challenges common to all of us.

It is with a sense of gratitude to your organization and its work that I offer Saint Paul again as a host for the upcoming Midwest Regional Institute on City Design session; this time in partnership with the University of Minnesota College of Design. In addition to the project leadership provided by the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation and the University of Minnesota you can count on my personal involvement and that of my administration in ensuring another first class experience for participating mayors and team members.

Saint Paul has hosted many local, regional, and national events. Its downtown – attractive, safe, and vibrant – will perfectly accommodate the needs of the Institute. Based on my experience in Santa Fe a couple of years ago, I can imagine walking tours of the downtown and riverfront, entertaining evening social events, and a very hospitable welcome by other civic leaders.

I served on the Board of Directors of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation for many years. I am very familiar with its capacity and experience. Its staff has been responsible for hosting many events over the years. They do so with the level of sophistication and attention to details expected of the Institute's participants. They have my complete confidence.

Thank you for considering Saint Paul and the University of Minnesota's application to serve as an Institute host. We would be honored to contribute to your important mission in this way.

Sincerely,

Chris Coleman  
Mayor