



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Funds are available within the Engineering 2012 Adopted Capital Budget. Budgetary authority is provided in Facilities Management Capital Budget under Renewable Energy CB53-57900-810603.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Union Cab of Madison Cooperative, Inc (Union Cab) to provide \$10,000 in local match for a 5 kW solar installation made with products manufactured in Wisconsin.

Body

WHEREAS the City of Madison is a Solar America City receiving Department of Energy grants in 2007 and 2010; and,

WHEREAS the City of Madison has promoted solar energy installations through Madison's solar program called Madisun; and,

WHEREAS the Wisconsin solar sector has been a bright spot of job creation despite the steady decline in manufacturing jobs that has afflicted Wisconsin's economy. Data from 2011 suggests 100% industry-wide growth from 2010 including over 135 solar supply/manufacturing businesses in the state; and,

WHEREAS the WisconSUN Solar PV is a project of the MadiSUN Solar Program to build and install the first-ever solar PV system made from as many Wisconsin made products and services as possible and to showcase the green practices of a local business; and,

WHEREAS Union Cab was selected because they are committed to sustainability. Union Cab's activities include:

- Replacing 4 fleet vehicles with hybrids
- Implementing a single source recycling program to reduce waste
- Participating in Bike to Work week
- Replacing light fixtures with higher-efficiency bulbs
- Conserving water with rain barrels and landscaping
- Reducing water use with 1.6-gallon toilets
- Building a bike barn for commuters;

and,

WHEREAS Union Cab will be contributing \$12,500 towards the project and generous Wisconsin companies including:

- Helios USA
- Ingeteam
- Pivot Point
- RSTC Enterprises
- EverGreen Sustainable Products
- Johnson Controls
- MG&E

- IBEW Local 159
- H&H Solar,

Are providing discounted and donated products and services with a total value of \$5,000 for the WisconsinSUN PV Project; and,

WHEREAS the City of Madison will provide \$10,000 as part of the City's local match; and,

WHEREAS educational efforts are being implemented to promote the Wisconsin Solar PV project, which include:

- Case study in the Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council's annual report
- Web-based photo essay by featuring project partners
- Highlight of the Sustainable Showcase Commercial Businesses guided tour
- Press release and press event after project completion.
- Educational materials distributed to Union Cab customers and links from Union Cab and MadiSUN websites.
- Featured at the Grow Solar Wisconsin (October) and National Worker Cooperative Conference (June) in Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to provide Union Cab with \$10,000 of local match to complete the Wisconsin PV Project as part of the City's Solar America City Department of Energy grant, called Madisun.