



## Legislation Text

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### Fiscal Note

It is anticipated that approximately 480 hours of staff time will be invested in this solar initiative. An estimated 200 of these hours are expected to be compensable by the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC). Staff time will be billed at a rate of \$50 per hour, and the total amount of compensation from WECC will not exceed \$10,000. Internal staff resources are available for this project. No appropriation is necessary, nor is there any impact upon cost controls.

### Title

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC) for the purpose of providing professional services to coordinate the City of Madison's Solar Initiative, identify, evaluate, and implement solar applications on City of Madison properties and, encourage City residents to adopt solar technologies.

### Body

#### Preamble:

The Million Solar Roofs Initiative (MSRI) is a public-private partnership program administered through the Department of Energy's Regional Offices. The goal of the Initiative is to support partnership groups (e.g., business, government, energy industry, and community organizations) that want to bring reliable and affordable solar energy technologies to the marketplace.

MSRI recently agreed to fund a request to develop and support the City of Madison as a Solar City. The funding, provided through WECC, will allow the partner group consisting of MSB Energies, UW Extension, and the City of Madison to develop pro-solar policies and coordinate solar activities in the City of Madison. More specifically, the grant will enable the City and its team partners to provide staff support for Madison's Green Solar Initiative, identify and assess solar applications on City owned buildings and properties, install solar projects on City property, and summarize project results.

The City of Madison has accepted the blueprint for Madison's sustainable design and energy future as outlined in the "Building a Green Capital City" report. The report, produced by the Mayor's 2005 Energy Task Force, outlined a strategy for using energy efficiency, conservation, and the use of renewable sources to help meet the City's energy needs. The strategy calls for the use of solar and renewable energy in several areas including: implementing a Solar Mile along a section of East Washington Ave., enacting policies and incentives that promote renewable energy in the public and private sectors and, establishing a Clean Energy Challenge to encourage residents to use more renewable energy. With this funded project, the solar initiative will play a leading role in Madison's Green Capital City Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC) for the purpose of providing professional services to coordinate the City of Madison's Solar Initiative, identify, evaluate, and implement solar applications on City of Madison properties and, encourage City residents to adopt solar technologies.