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Date: April 24, 2014
To: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council
VIA: Ben Noble, City Budget Director
From: Fred Podesta, Director *FP*
Department of Finance and Administrative Services
Subject: Council Green Sheet 4-1-A-2: Community Workforce Program for Conservation
Contracts Issues by City Light

Council Green Sheet 4-1-A-2 appropriated \$40,000 in the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, directing the department to explore the development of a community workforce program (CWP) for conservation contracts issued by Seattle City Light. The purpose of the CWP was to ensure that contractors build a diverse, quality workforce to keep pace with the increasing demand for workers in the construction and conservation fields. The CWP was to include provisions supporting the participation of minorities, women, and trade apprentices from the local community.

The Green Sheet specifically directed FAS to contract with a third part non-profit entity to explore development of a Community Workforce Program. Through an agreement between the Council and the Executive, the Green Sheet's directive was subsequently modified, assigning City Light with responsibility for overseeing the consultant contract and its deliverables.

Through the Seattle Foundation, Seattle City Light selected Emerald Cities to serve as its third party non-profit consultant, and negotiated the attached contract shortly thereafter. Recently, City Light Chief of Staff, Sephir Hamilton, indicated that he is working with the City Budget Office to finalize an agreement with Councilmember O'Brien to expand the study's scope and delay until later this year the report called for in the Green Sheet. For additional information and updates on the CWP, please contact Sephir at 386-0049. If you have questions for FAS, don't hesitate to call me at 386-0041.

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