AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR A STRATEGIC FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER (AEC)

Substitute 2 to Dane County Board Resolution 217, 2012-2013, was adopted on March 21, 2013 creating the Alliant Energy Center Strategic Design Study Committee. According to the resolution, the study to be overseen by the committee "will result in a strategic vision and market-driven, financially sustainable design and plan for the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) campus. The study will have a specific emphasis on how to enhance the market position of AEC through capital investment in AEC facilities."

The AEC Strategic Design Study Committee began meeting in June 2013. In November 2013, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and responses were received in December 2013 from five well-qualified firms. Responses are on file in the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration. The proposals have been evaluated, applicants interviewed, and the application of Hammes Company was selected for completion of a Strategic Feasibility Study of the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) and was found to be most advantageous to the County.

The 2013 Capital Budget included $100,000 in funding for this effort. The Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau has contributed an additional $25,000 which has yet to be reflected in the county's budget. The City of Madison is contributing an additional $30,000, which is also not reflected in the budget for a total of $155,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital Budget be amended to recognize the funds contributed by the GMCVB and expected to be contributed by the City of Madison by increasing the appropriation in revenue line CPAEC 81520 "Donations" by $50,000 and increasing the appropriation in the project account CPAEC 57013 "AEC Strategic Design Plan" by $5,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hammes Company be awarded the contract to complete a Strategic Feasibility Study of the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) at a cost not to exceed $150,000, contingent upon receipt of the City of Madison Contribution, and that $5,000 is reserved for program expenses; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and the Dane County Executive are hereby authorized and directed to sign the appropriate contract on behalf of Dane County.