

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Energy Performance Benchmarking Forum - \$25,300]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Department of the Environment to accept and expend a**  
4 **grant in the amount of \$25,300 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to**  
5 **convene a two-day forum covering adoption and implementation of energy**  
6 **performance benchmarking and disclosure policies.**

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8 WHEREAS, After a competitive process the Urban Sustainability Directors Network  
9 (USDN) has selected the Department of the Environment to receive funding to collaborate  
10 with the nonprofit organization, Institute for Market Transformation, to convene a forum for  
11 USDN members to share best practices in adopting and implementing energy performance  
12 benchmarking and disclosure policies; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has  
14 directed the Department of the Environment to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions within  
15 the City and County of San Francisco to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Annually, the building sector accounts for more than half of all greenhouse  
17 gas emissions in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, Building energy performance labeling and disclosure policies are emerging  
19 tools intended to motivate investment in energy efficiency by highlighting the value of energy  
20 savings for building owners, tenants, and energy service providers; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco recently adopted the Existing Commercial Buildings Energy  
22 Performance Ordinance no. 17-11 (Environmental Code Chapter 20) calling for the use of  
23 energy performance labeling and disclosure; and

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1 WHEREAS, Energy performance labeling and disclosure policy requires each  
2 commercial building of 10,000 square feet or greater to publicly report its energy performance  
3 annually and undertake a comprehensive energy audit at least once every five years; and

4 WHEREAS, Energy performance labels for commercial buildings are powerful  
5 motivators for energy efficiency improvement when disclosed to the market, and this  
6 innovative approach is cost effective for both local government and building owners; and

7 WHEREAS, Convening a forum for other USDN member cities ensures that San  
8 Francisco continues to be a leader in creating programs and services with measurable  
9 environmental impacts; and

10 WHEREAS, The funding source does not allow for indirect costs; and

11 WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, The term of the grant is from November 15, 2011, through December 31,  
13 2012; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director of the  
15 Department of the Environment to accept and expend \$25,300 from the USDN to convene a  
16 two-day forum on adoption and implementation of energy performance benchmarking and  
17 disclosure policies, and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of  
19 indirect costs in the grant budget.

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21 Recommended:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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24 Department Head

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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