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City of Saint Paul Announces Contracts for *All In*™ Recycling Services Provider

SAINT PAUL – The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works today announced that it has signed agreements with the Neighborhood Recycling Corp. (D. B. A. Eureka Recycling) to provide recycling processing and marketing services and recycling collection from single unit dwellings and small apartment buildings. The new contract terms will begin January 1, 2017.

“The city has been working diligently to make recycling more convenient and accessible for city residents,” said Mayor Chris Coleman. “These contracts represent the next big steps toward our goals to reduce waste and keep Saint Paul a leader in these efforts.”

Under the new contracts, the recycling program will undergo changes aimed at making recycling more convenient and accessible. Changes include city-owned, wheeled and lidded carts that will be delivered to residents’ homes; alley collection where feasible; the collection of additional materials; and new geo location technology to track participation and tonnage. The City anticipates these changes will result in a 35% increase in tons collected and a 15% increase in participation.

The city received four responses to its Request for Proposals (RFP) on December 16, 2015.

Eureka’s proposal for recycling processing and marketing was particularly strong in its ability to provide diverse and local markets for recyclable materials and the inclusion of additional materials including paper rolls/tubes; refrigerator boxes; and cardboard food cans. Eureka’s proposal for collection from single unit dwellings and small apartments (5-11 units) included a strong service plan and experience with transitioning programs from blue bins to carts.

Council President Russ Stark stated, “It’s important to the success of the program and for the future of our city that recycling is accessible and works for everyone. The new contracts are a great opportunity to ramp up our waste reduction and recycling efforts.”

The city continues to evaluate the proposals for collection services from larger multi-unit dwellings and hopes to complete negotiations on that contract within the next two weeks. More information on the transition to the new program will be provided to residents this fall.

The successful award of the contracts is another step in the many activities Saint Paul is employing as a part of its Sustainable Saint Paul Program. In 2014, the City implemented the All In™ program which converted the city to single-sort collection of recyclables and increased the types of plastics that can be recycled. Last year, Saint Paul residents recycled nearly 20,000 tons of paper, glass, metal and plastic beverage and food containers. The City is also exploring multiple organics collection options to find the most environmentally responsible, fiscally sound option that will garner a high participation rate.

Mayor Chris Coleman and the Saint Paul City Council are committed to making Saint Paul “The Most Livable City in America,” and a leader in sustainable urban living. Under the Sustainable Saint Paul program the city is taking proactive steps to protect our city’s air, water and urban landscape by focusing on Carbon Dioxide (CO2) reduction activities in the areas of energy efficiency and conservation; clean

energy supply; alternative fuels and transportation options; recycling and waste reduction; urban reforestation and natural resources management; and water resources management.

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