

RESOLUTION 39-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENSON, ARIZONA APPROVING THE SOUTHEAST ARIZONA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP/VENTURE CATALYST INC. SOLAR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AND AUTHORIZING SAID ENTITIES TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO FUND LOCAL SOLAR CONVERSION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, recent federal legislation has created opportunities for the City to apply for grants to fund solar energy projects that will allow the City to save on future electric utility costs; and

WHEREAS, stimulating the nascent solar energy industry in the City presents further opportunities for creating additional jobs in the area economy by attracting the renewable energy industry thereby potentially increasing future tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the City has been approached by the Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group and Venture Catalyst Inc. to work cooperatively in pursuing the above goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona as follows:

1. The Southeast Arizona Economic Development Group and Venture Catalyst Inc. are hereby authorized to apply for no-match federal grants on behalf of the City that will allow the City to undertake a variety of solar power conversion projects at no cost to the local taxpayers.
2. Staff is hereby directed to work with the above entities in identifying and developing appropriate projects within Benson, to include City properties, that would qualify for available solar conversion grants.
3. Should the above entities be successful in obtaining federal no-match grants on behalf of the City, staff is directed to prepare a sole-source contract with said entities for project design and construction for submission to Council for approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA this 26th day of May, 2009.



MARK M. FENN, Mayor

ATTEST:



VICKI L. VIVIAN, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



MICHAEL J. MASSEE, City Attorney