



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14-01

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: July 25, 2013

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING BENCHMARKING AND LABELING

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia localities have established goals to substantially reduce energy use and resulting emissions across their operations and communities; and

WHEREAS, NVRC, through its adopted policies and work programs, is supporting regional programs to increase the adoption of energy efficiency measures; and

WHEREAS, building energy benchmarking and labeling puts critical information in the hands of building owners, operators, and tenants, allowing them to measure and track building energy performance and provide energy cost data for use in building sale and lease transactions; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is using building energy performance labels for its county-owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Arlington County and other localities are interested in developing a region-wide building energy performance labeling protocol for government and commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, NVRC is part of a team developing guidance for commercial building owners, operators, and tenants on energy efficiency, including building benchmarking and labeling; and

WHEREAS, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) places junior-level student teams, through the WPI Washington Project Center, with sponsors to complete applied research that connects science or technology with social issues and human needs; and

WHEREAS, WPI has placed student teams at organizations such as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the National Science Foundation, the Coast Guard, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and the U.S Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, WPI has agreed to assign a student team with NVRC from October through December, 2013, to provide for energy benchmarking of City of Alexandria buildings and to develop a model building energy label for local government and commercial buildings in the Northern Virginia region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with WPI to sponsor a student team for the regional building energy benchmarking and labeling project.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on July 25, 2013.


G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer