

DATE: November 12, 2024

TITLE: Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract

TYPE: Action

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Background: The Minnesota Legislature (MN State Statute 123B.65) gave Minnesota schools a procurement tool to combine multiple comprehensive infrastructure improvements into a single turn-key project.

Rationale: Austin Public Schools initiated a comprehensive feasibility assessment with Ameresco during the 2022-2023 academic year. The assessment identified several areas for potential improvement within the district.

We have initiated the process for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract by posting an RFP on our website and in the local paper. We received two bids, from Apex and Ameresco, and have applied the scoring criteria outlined in the RFP.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the School Board award the contract to Apex, as they received the highest score.