



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 09/23/13)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 4/22/14  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am  
Date Submitted: 4/9/14

**Agenda Title:** Board Briefing on Strategic Energy Management

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** 4/22/14 **Time Needed:** 30 Minutes  
**Department:** Office of Sustainability and DCA **Division:** FPM  
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Eric Winn, Energy and Utility Specialist  
Skip Schick, Commercial Service Contractor

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

No action is being requested of the Board at this time. Our objective is to:

- Inform the Board of Multnomah County's enrollment in the Strategic Energy Management Program
- Present progress made within the program so far this year
- Outline our strategic approach to energy management for the next 12-18 months.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Energy Trust of Oregon has invited Multnomah County to participate in a program that introduces industry best practices in energy management to large organizations. The program is comprised of a cohort that will last at least 24 months, facilitated by the Strategic Energy Group. In the program, the county will learn how to identify and implement energy saving opportunities, and develop business practices that support long term energy cost management.

Participation in Strategic Energy Management does not require a budget or program offer. The costs for facilitation and consulting are paid for by the Energy Trust of Oregon.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

The Energy Trust has described the program to require ¼ FTE to follow through with program objectives. The Office of Sustainability and Facilities are partnering to complete this work with existing staff resources. **The Energy Trust describes the fiscal impact for other organizations to be a 10-15 % reduction in utility expenses beginning in 2015 and ongoing.** Finally, the Energy Trust is **providing a financial incentive for performance** as a result of implementing industry best practices.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

A key component of the program asks the County establish a common energy mission statement and guiding principles. For the County, this may involve updating Executive Rule 268 to incorporate current best practices, and aligning various objectives under one policy including:

- Climate Action Plan
- Architecture 2030
- Green Buildings
- Green Team / Sustainable Jails / Etc.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Participation is with our longstanding community partner, the Energy Trust of Oregon. The energy Trust has also engaged 5 other organizations to participate in this cohort, including:

- Kaiser Permanente
- Port of Portland
- OHSU
- American Assets Trust
- Concordia University

Participants will share information and successful strategies for implementing energy best practices in large organizations.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected Official  
or Department/**

**Agency Director:** Sherry Swackhamer \s\

**Date:** 4/9/14

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