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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Van Ingram-Lock, Public Works Management Analyst  
Greg Neumann, Interim Public Works Administrative Manager  
Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

**Date:** January 8, 2009

**Subject:** ENERGY STAR PARTNERSHIP

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council receive the presentation delivered by International Council for Local Government Initiatives (ICLEI) and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter to join the Energy Star Partnership.

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The City of Kirkland has made significant commitments to the environment, from the Natural Resource Management Plan to signing the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Currently, the Green Team and other City staff are developing a Climate Protection Action Plan to reduce government and community greenhouse gas emissions to meet reduction targets as approved by Council via resolution R-4659.

A significant element of implementing the Climate Protection Action Plan will be to reduce energy usage in our government operations and to encourage the community to do the same. ICLEI, of which Kirkland is a member, has been funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to engage in a recruitment effort for the Energy Star Program in 2009. Energy Star is a partnership between the EPA and industry to voluntarily label products that meet certain energy efficiency criteria. Energy Star products include home electronic appliances, office equipment, and light fixtures and bulbs. More than 70% of American households recognize the Energy Star label which appears on over 50 different product categories as well as new homes, commercial buildings and industrial plants. This customer recognition will be critical in outreach efforts as a method to involve the community as we implement our Action Plan.

Energy Star also offers a free program that provides tools to measure and track energy usage (Portfolio Manager) – an attractive offering to our Facilities Division to assist with meeting the Council request for utility tracking and reporting on a quarterly basis. The program also certifies buildings for energy efficiency and provides energy management strategies for business and government agencies.

Energy Star partners receive access to communication materials to encourage the community to take the Energy Star Challenge. In June 2007, the US Conference of Mayors passed a resolution adopting the Energy Star Challenge as a tool to help communities meet the goals of the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. The Energy Star Challenge is a national call-to-action to improve the energy efficiency of America's commercial and industrial buildings by 10% or more – a potential motivator for businesses in our outreach as well as our own facilities.

As an Energy Star Partner, Kirkland will restate a commitment to improving energy efficiency and reducing environmental impacts as well as:

- “Cut energy costs;
- Create value through energy efficiency;
- Strengthen organizational energy management practices;
- Benchmark energy performance to similar businesses;
- Share experiences and best practices with peers in a “no-sell” environment;
- Keep up with the latest industry developments;
- Demonstrate improved energy and environmental performance through external validation; and
- Earn public recognition for superior performance.”

ATTACHMENT

January 20, 2009

**DRAFT**

Ms. Jean Lupinacci  
Director, ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (6202J)  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Lupinacci:

With this letter, the City of Kirkland, Washington joins ENERGY STAR® as a Partner, and makes a fundamental commitment to protect the environment through the continuous improvement of our energy performance. We believe that an organization-wide energy management approach will help us enhance our financial health and aid in preserving the environment for future generations. In partnership with ENERGY STAR, we will:

- Measure and track the energy performance of our organization's facilities where possible by using tools such as those offered through ENERGY STAR;
- Develop and implement a plan consistent with the ENERGY STAR Energy Management Guidelines to achieve energy savings;
- Help spread the word about the importance of energy efficiency to our staff and community;
- Support the ENERGY STAR Challenge, a national call-to-action to help improve the energy efficiency of America's commercial and industrial buildings by 10% or more; and
- Highlight our achievements with recognition offered through ENERGY STAR.

We understand that our commitment to measure, track, and improve the energy performance of our organization is supported by the resources and tools offered through ENERGY STAR. In addition, we understand that we will be recognized on the ENERGY STAR web site as a Partner and as a supporter of the ENERGY STAR Challenge. To be eligible for additional recognition, we will share with EPA our progress and milestone achievements. As a Partner, we agree to follow all applicable terms and conditions governing the use of the ENERGY STAR logos, which are registered trade and service marks.

The City of Kirkland looks forward to our partnership with ENERGY STAR.

Sincerely,  
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger  
Mayor

Attachment

**Attachment to Partnership Letter  
Organization Information**

Please complete this sheet and send it along with the signed partnership letter. Thank you.

**Chief Executive**

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My Organization's Primary Business or Function (check one):

- Commercial Real Estate
- Corporate Real Estate
- K-12 Education
- Higher Education
- State Government
- Local Government
- Federal Government
- Healthcare
- Hospitality & Entertainment
- Manufacturing/Industrial, please describe your business, including the NAICS codes which best apply to your industry: \_\_\_\_\_
- Religious (Congregations)
- Retail
- Other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of building/facility square footage my organization...

Owns 205,300 sq ft  
 Leases from others Municipal Court – 11,000 sq ft  
 Manages but does not own \_\_\_\_\_  
 Franchises to others \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about ENERGY STAR? ICLEI

The government estimates the average time needed to fill out this form is 30 minutes and welcomes suggestions for reducing this level of effort. Send comments (referencing OMB control number) to the Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S., EPA (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.