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**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER AARON WATSON**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR THE BETTER BUILDINGS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO DELIVER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SMALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN ATLANTA IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,000,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO ENTER INTO ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS FOR GRANT IMPLEMENTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Energy (“DOE”) provides grant monies for energy efficiency retrofits through the Better Buildings program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta (“City”) has received notification that the DOE is currently accepting applications to fund integrated technical and business strategies that can bridge the gap between “research and development,” “demonstrated in the field,” “market acceptance”, and “deployed at scale,” and resulting in increases in the efficiency of small commercial buildings by at least twenty percent (20%) in existing buildings and to meet or exceed Architecture 2030 fifty percent (50%) Challenge targets; and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline to submit an application for a Commercial Energy Efficiency Solutions Grant through the DOE Better Buildings Program (“Grant”) is April 24, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an interest in reducing energy consumption City-wide and increasing the energy efficiency of the homes and commercial buildings located within its jurisdictional limits, including small commercial buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability desires to apply for the Grant in the amount of Two Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,000,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, in the event that the City is selected, the City will design and manage a program leveraging local partnerships for the deployment of new technical and business solutions out of the research stage and which validate the ability of the solutions to achieve national scale and significant energy savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability can leverage partnerships with local organizations to successfully design and implement this program and to achieve the required baseline settings and benchmarking; and

**WHEREAS**, the retrofitting of certain commercial buildings in the City will benefit citizens and businesses throughout the City in various Council Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the best interests of the City to participate in the Better Building: Commercial Energy Efficiency Solutions Grant program.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES**, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and accept the Grant in the amount of Two Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,000,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to enter into any required agreements for Grant implementation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this application and any agreements will not become binding on the City and the City will incur no liability or obligation under it until it has been approved by the City Attorney as to form, executed by the Mayor, attested to by the Municipal Clerk, and delivered to the United States Department of Energy.