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MENASHA RECEIVES \$200,800 ENERGY EFFICIENCY BLOCK GRANT

MENASHA, WI – April 9, 2010. The City of Menasha will receive \$200,800 to implement energy efficiency improvements to the city’s public protection facility and street lighting. Menasha was one of 82 Wisconsin communities awarded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) for clean energy projects that reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce energy usage, and improve energy efficiency.

“These grants will help Wisconsin’s communities seize the opportunity to grow a strong new part of our economy in clean energy,” Governor Doyle said.

The city’s existing thirty-two year old boiler and condenser system at the public protection facility on First Street, will be retrofitted with two 94% efficient 1000Mbh boilers and two 11.2 EER condensers. These upgrades will reduce energy consumption by 4,440 therms of natural gas and 40,840 kWh of electricity per year. The city also received funds to improve efficiency of street and public parking lot lighting. Existing high pressure sodium street light fixtures will be replaced with energy-efficient induction lighting. Approximately 300 street and parking lot lights will be retrofitted, with an annual estimated reduction of 97,840 kWh of electricity annually.

These projects are part of the city’s ongoing efforts to reduce the energy consumption and utility costs of municipal operations and promote sustainability in the community. For example, this summer, the Manitowoc Road fire station will be constructed to meet LEED standards.

In 2009 energy efficient lighting was installed at the city’s public works facility, public protection facility, senior center and city hall.

“Reducing the costs of providing services to our community and at the same time reducing greenhouse emissions play a vital role in making Menasha a more livable and inviting city,” stated Mayor Merkes.

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