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Sebesta Blomberg Awarded City of Des Moines Energy Project

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, March 31, 2011 – The city of Des Moines has selected Sebesta Blomberg to provide energy usage analysis and plan services for the City. This project is in conjunction with an initiative set by the City to ensure they are a Sustainable Green Community – one of 12 City goals for the next five years.

Sebesta Blomberg will perform engineering services for selected buildings and facilities in accordance with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources current Technical Engineering Analysis Guidelines (TEA). Over 730,000 square feet of City buildings will be evaluated, including The Hub Tower, Bank of America, Amerus Life, 420 Watson Powell and the Midland Building. Several criteria will be evaluated for the analysis of each facility, including energy consumption, operations and maintenance, opportunities for improving building performance, opportunities to further ‘green’ the facility, and current marketability of facilities. Upon completion of the analysis, a list of suggested Energy Management Improvements (EMIs) will be provided to the City.

Sebesta Blomberg partnered with Hines for this project to provide the perspective of a large commercial real estate investor as part of our services that adds operational engineering and property management expertise to our consulting engineering team. Hines’ 50 years of experience in marketing, property management and development as well as repositioning, acquisition and disposition will provide the City with a strong business case for the suggested Energy Management Improvements (EMIs) and green building operations practices.

About Sebesta Blomberg

Established in 1994, Sebesta Blomberg is a nationally-recognized provider of full-service engineering and design services. We promote collaborative and sustainable solutions that are designed to ensure occupant comfort, improve efficiency, reduce operational costs and optimize client effectiveness. We create exceptional built environments that meet the most complex of challenges.

About Hines

Hines is a privately owned real estate firm involved in real estate investment, development and property management worldwide. Hines is one of the most sustainable real estate companies in the world and a leader in the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED programs, with 202 projects, representing more than 107 million square feet that have been certified, pre-certified or registered under the various LEED rating systems.

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