

# MINNESOTA>ENVIRONMENTAL<INITIATIVE

## GREEN ECONOMY PARTNERSHIP PROCESS

Work Group Charge

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### Overall Purpose/Mission:

The overall goal of the Green Economy Partnership Process is to design a partnership model to further develop and support the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota's green economy.

To develop the partnership model, the Work Group will review information in two areas:

1. Gap analysis of green business finance, development and policy tools at the city, state, private/venture levels for urban core job creation and redevelopment and throughout the State of Minnesota.
2. Strategic economic development partnership models that could produce sustainable and effective green manufacturing initiatives for Minneapolis and St. Paul and the State of Minnesota.

### Gap Analysis:

MEI will present the Work Group with a draft gap analysis document based on a literature review of recent reports on growing the green economy in Minneapolis Saint Paul and Minnesota, and through conversations with stakeholders. The Work Group is asked to finalize the gap analysis by suggesting revisions to the draft analysis and by prioritizing gaps according to their level of impact on growing the green economy in the Twin Cities and Minnesota.

### Partnership Model:

MEI will present the Work Group with a recent report on green economic development strategies and structures (*Current Structures, Strategies and Examples for Green Economic Development*, by Katrina Mitchell), and will provide some sample partnership ideas to begin the Work Group's discussion on designing the partnership model. The Work Group is asked to first identify if there is a need for a partnership for the Twin Cities or for the state of Minnesota. If it is agreed that a partnership is needed, the Work Group is asked to suggest recommendations for the partnership's structure, membership, funding mechanism(s), and initial charge.

### Timing:

The process will begin in the fall of 2009 and conclude by January 31, 2010. By December 21, 2009 MEI will prepare a draft report of the Work Group's recommendations and host an online public comment period to take comments for the Work Group. The Work Group will review public comments and finalize their report by January 20, 2010.