

Thank you, Mayor Ballard

Before I go over some of the details of the Greening of the City County Building that the Mayor announced, I want to thank Bill Brown, one of the Co-Chairs of the City's Green Commission for helping to set in motion this incredible opportunity to Green the City County Building.

Our goal for this project is to turn the City County Building into an example of what a green building can be and at the same time use it as an education tool for the public to showcase green building techniques.

We want the building that is the flagship of local government in our City to also be the flagship for green building strategies for other communities.

All of which will help move us closer to our goal of becoming the most sustainable city in the Midwest.

The Greening of the City County Building is not something that will happen over night, but the first step in this process is a Kick Off meeting that will take place next Friday morning, April 24, in the main auditorium of the One America Building.

I echo the Mayor in his invitation to all parties who are interested in participating in this greening process...

We want architects, engineers, contractors...creative people who can think outside of the box and have a vision for how the City County Building can serve as a model demonstration project for what a green building can be in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis has many experts in this field and we want to capitalize on our local talent. Individuals and corporate citizens who have a passion and expertise in sustainable building practices are encouraged to participate.

The team of local experts will work with the Rocky Mountain Institute, Building Authority and City staff to identify and prioritize ways to transform the CCB into a green, energy efficient building.

Some aspects of the building that we expect address and green in this process include the building envelope, lighting, heating and cooling systems, water usage, solid waste and increasing recyclable materials collected in the building, the cleaning and purchasing policies as well as using the site and grounds to incorporate sustainable practices.

There will be many more details provided at next week's kick-off event including selection criteria, important dates and a roadmap for how this will all take place.

I hope to see many faces next Friday at 8:30 in the morning as we begin this significant, green, undertaking for our City.

Before I turn it over to Ron Reinking, General Manager of the Building Authority, I want to thank Building Authority for being our vital partners in this endeavor. Without their cooperation, this project would not be possible.