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RiverCentre, St. Paul make green strides

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As part of an energy-saving campaign in St. Paul, the RiverCentre replaced all lighting in their parking ramp with energy efficient fixtures. The project was supported by a \$2.8 million federal grant awarded to the city from the Department of Energy last fall ✓

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Replacing all 900 fixtures in the ramp cost RiverCentre \$126,006, \$44,102 of which came from the grant. Xcel Energy Inc. (NYSE: XEL) provided \$73,031 in rebates and \$8,872 came from RiverCentre Capital Funds.

The new lighting will reduce the ramp's electricity use by 47 percent and save about \$66,000 annually.

"RiverCentre's new fixtures represent St. Paul's commitment to energy efficiency and conservation," said St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman. "This grant money is helping the City, businesses, and residents make their buildings more energy efficient while saving money and creating jobs in this new, green economy."

In addition to the RiverCentre renovations, the grant money will be used to upgrade city-owned facilities with energy efficient lighting and develop projects which support St. Paul's effort of advancing electric vehicles.