

January 9, 2001

01-10 **Approval of Design, Construction, and Sustainability Standards for County Buildings**

WHEREAS, design and construction standards have been in use for County building construction and renovation projects for the past 17 years and have been periodically reviewed and updated to add, revise, or delete items as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the standards are submitted by the appropriate County project manager to architectural or engineering firms and are used to communicate a consistent level of quality and to expedite design development for new building construction or major renovations to existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Capital Planning and Project Management to review, revise, and maintain the standards and review all County building projects for compliance with design, construction, and sustainability standards; and

WHEREAS, consistent with outcomes stated in the Regional/Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan 1998–2017, to develop sustainable architectural guidelines, guidelines were developed with the assistance of an architectural consultant and have been incorporated into the standards document; and

WHEREAS, over the past 18 months, the standards have been revised by Capital Planning and Project Management and cooperatively reviewed by Operations Management, Facilities Management, and Information Technology Departments, County Administration, and the Senior Management Team; and

WHEREAS, the standards embody the building and other applicable codes, laws, and regulations as minimum requirements with specific focus on the following key elements:

1. construction quality control and assurance
2. staff productivity (indoor air quality, lighting, safety, and security)
3. life cycle cost effectiveness and accountability
4. systematic approach to energy and resource management and conservation
5. building material selections, components, and equipment
6. sustainability

; and

WHEREAS, the standards are intended to provide a level of quality and durability that meet the vision and goals of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners through the design of County government buildings to a minimum life expectancy of 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the use, publication, distribution, and periodic revision of the Dakota County Design, Construction, and Sustainability Standards for County building projects.