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**Item(s) from Council**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No. 24**

**Subject:** Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amended Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas's Clean Energy Incubator to establish procedures for Austin Energy to evaluate and test new clean energy products and technologies

**Sponsor:** Council Member Brewster McCracken

**Co-Sponsor1:** Mayor Will Wynn

**Co-Sponsor2:** Council Member Lee Leffingwell

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**Resolution Final**

**For More Information:** Rachel Proctor May, 974-2256

**RESOLUTION NO. 20070215-**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin's community-owned electric utility, Austin Energy, is a nationally-recognized leader in clean energy; and

**WHEREAS**, clean energy technologies have the potential to become a key contributor to local economic development efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of energy efficiency and clean energy technologies is a key component of Austin's Energy's business strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Texas' Clean Energy Incubator's mission is to help develop early-stage clean energy companies in Austin by helping these companies solidify management teams, secure adequate funding, and accelerate time to market; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin Energy and the Clean Energy Incubator are partnering with other sponsors to hold the first annual Austin Clean Energy Venture Summit May 14-16, 2007, where clean energy entrepreneurs can present their innovations to potential investors, Austin Energy experts, other utility executives, industry and government leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to prove technology is a critical component in an emerging technology company's ability to secure venture financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has identified Emerging Technologies, including clean energy technologies, as the fourth pillar of Austin's economic development strategy; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

That the City Manager is directed to further Austin Energy's efforts to advance and expand the use of new clean energy and energy efficiency technologies by:

- Establishing Austin Energy as a "Beta Tester" for clean energy technologies,
- Negotiating an interlocal agreement with The Austin Technology Incubator to have the Clean Energy Incubator use an agreed-upon process to evaluate and refer potential projects, products or processes to Austin Energy for beta testing, and
- Completing the agreement by April 30, 2007, in advance of the Austin Clean Energy Venture Summit to be held May 14-16, 2007.

**ADOPTED:** February 15, 2007

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk