Thursday, December 13, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 46

Subject: Authorize execution of a 24-month interlocal agreement with the THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin, TX, on behalf of Clean Energy Incubator, a program of the Austin Technology Incubator for mutual assistance in the clean energy field in an amount not to exceed \$415,000 in the first year, and an amount not to exceed \$415,000 in the second year, for a total amount not to exceed \$830,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$415,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the second year is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Sandy Calles, Buyer Sr./512-322-6487

Purchasing Language: Interlocal Agreement

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority – Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program).). This contract is an Interlocal Agreement; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation. No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

The Clean Energy Incubator (CEI) is a program of the Austin Technology Incubator at the University of Texas at Austin committed to helping Austin Energy achieve its clean energy "Strategic Goals" and to formulate a strategy to move Austin forward towards becoming the nation's clean energy capital. Austin Energy intends to assist CEI in its goals by providing financial support that will increase the infrastructure and support services at CEI through the hiring of personnel experienced in the energy industry, to increase CEI's value to its member companies and to help expand the role of Austin as the headquarters of choice for clean energy companies.

Austin Energy will provide funding for the following programs:

\$100,000 in each year for infrastructure support- funding and supporting CEI employee(s)

\$120,000 (not to exceed) in each year to support the incubation of up to 4 clean energy technologies/companies, at \$30,000 per technology/company per year, within CEI's incubation program

\$120,000 in each year to support the annual Austin Clean Energy Venture Summit

\$75,000 in each year to support council resolution #20070215 directing Austin Energy and CEI to advance and expand the use of clean technology and energy efficiency technologies by working together to further promote Austin Energy as a beta-tester for clean energy technologies.