

AGENDA



Thursday, September 25, 2008

Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$12,500 in operational funds from Research and Development Solutions, LLC, at the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, Pittsburgh, PA, and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$12,500 for administration of the Central Texas Clean Cities program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$12,500 is available from Research and Development Solutions, LLC, at the Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Fred Blood, Air Quality Manager, 482-5340; Stacy Neef, Central Texas Clean Cities Coordinator, 482-5343.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

Prior Council Action: April 14, 1994 – Approved resolution establishing COA as a member of a regional Clean Cities Program; September 30, 1994 – Accepted \$30,000 grant from SECO; approved contract with Clean Air Force to conduct the Program; February 15, 2001 – Accepted \$50,000 grant from SECO and approved interlocal agreement allowing COA to act as fiduciary agent for CTCC; July 11, 2002 – Accepted \$25,000 grant from SECO to continue program; January 30, 2003 – Approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; July 31, 2003 – Approved \$40,000 grant from SECO to continue program; November 4, 2004 – Approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; April 28, 2005 – Approved \$20,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to administer the Clean Cities Coordinator Program; January 12, 2006 – Approved \$23,500 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; February 1, 2007 – Approved \$10,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; May 3, 2007 – Approved \$15,000 grant from DOE; approved interlocal agreement with SECO to continue program; March 6, 2008 – Approved \$12,500 grant from DOE through Energy Research and Development Solutions to continue program.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the Clean Cities program in an effort to create local public/private partnerships to promote the use and purchase of alternative fuels by increasing public awareness. The City of Austin/Austin Energy is the administrator and fiduciary agent for the Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) Program.

The U.S. has 90 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas. The CTCC coalition includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson Counties and Fort Hood in Killeen.

Research and Development Solutions, LLC (RDS) is the contractor at the DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Pittsburgh, PA, responsible for dispersing funds to qualifying Clean Cities Coalitions and Programs for operational activities and expenses. CTCC is a qualifying program to receive funding.

NETL is owned and operated by the DOE. NETL implements research, development, and demonstration programs to resolve the environmental, supply, and reliability constraints of producing and using fossil resources. NETL devotes the majority of its funding to R&D partnerships with industry, university, and other government entities. NETL is supported by eight major support contracts including RDS.