

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Austin Energy**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Item No. 4**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement among the City of Austin, Travis County and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to support the Harvest Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, in coordinating five African-American Men and Boys conferences, for an initial one-year term not to exceed \$25,000, with three optional one-years terms not to exceed \$25,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

**For More Information:** Jeff Vice, Director of Local Government Relations, 322-6087.

**Prior Council Action:** September 8, 2008 – Approved budget, including funding for the African American Men and Boys Conferences.

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The proposed Interlocal Agreement will allow The Harvest Foundation, a Section 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization, to pool resources from the City of Austin, Travis County, and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to enhance the social, cultural, educational and economic opportunities of African-American men and youth in the greater Austin community and build strong, confident, well-informed student citizens. Each Party—the City, Travis County and AISD—is committing to donate \$25,000 to the program for a total annual contribution of \$75,000. The initial term of the agreement is from the date of execution to August 31, 2009. The agreement will also provide for up to three more optional terms at the same funding level.

If approved, the Parties will contract with the Harvest Foundation to plan, design, arrange, and execute five African-American Men and Boys conferences in collaboration with the AISD Office of Educational Support Services at selected AISD middle and high schools. The Foundation will work in Austin area schools to identify strategies and philosophies designed to reduce the dropout rate and mitigate underachieving academic performance of African American males and females. The overarching theme for each conference will be aligned with AISD's strategic plan. The Foundation will conduct an evaluation after each conference and make results available to the Parties, both in raw and analyzed data.