

AGENDA



Thursday, November 19, 2009

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 46

Subject: Authorize award and 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 estimated amount not to exceed \$710,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$325,417 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 13 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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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 Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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

Prior Council Action: December 13, 2007 – Approved 24-month contract.

This contract will provide for modifications to the existing Clean Energy Incubator (CEI) program. The Austin Technology Incubator at the University of Texas at Austin is 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 per year for infrastructure contribution and support services.

\$75,000 per year for beta testing for clean energy technologies.

\$120,000 per year to support the annual Austin Clean Energy Venture Summit.

\$60,000 per year to support Council Resolution No. 20070215 adopted on February 15, 2007 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. The previous contract provided \$75,000 to advance and expand the use of clean technology and \$120,000 to support four clean energy companies, and no beta testing.