

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

### AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 14, 2017

Item Number: **014**

### Financial Services

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Sustainable Development to conduct a study regarding the Austin Convention Center relating to the physical and economic planning implications of alternative convention center scenarios.

<b>Lead Department</b>	Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding to perform the work described in the scope of work, in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Approved Operating Budget for the Financial Services Department.
<b>Prior Council Action</b>	September 28, 2017 - Council adopted Resolution 20170928-052 directed the City Manager to explore options for design of any renovation or expansion including working with the Center for Sustainable Development at the University of Texas.
<b>For More Information</b>	Greg Canally, Interim Chief Financial Officer / 974-2609.

### Additional Backup Information:

The proposed study will assist the City Council and staff in assessing options related to Convention Center space. Specifically, it will seek to determine if new, programmatic spatial configurations and economic models for urban convention centers can be applied to Downtown Austin in a meaningful, community-based approach. Looking at such factors as mixed-use

development, public and private investment, and financing frameworks, the study will investigate how might the Austin Convention Center be re-imagined/renovated/recomposed/expanded.

The University of Texas at Austin staff and faculty from the Center for Sustainable Development, School of Architecture, and McCombs School of Business will be the investigators for this study.

The study would be conducted during the Spring and Summer of 2018, with a final report in Fall 2018.