



**Energy Rebate
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4
AGENDA DATE: Thu 10/21/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve the issuance of a letter of intent for a rebate in the amount of \$81,216 to HABITAT SUITES HOTEL for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system at their facility located at 500 Highland Mall Drive, Austin, TX.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Energy Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Austin Energy
DEPARTMENT:

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Recommended by the Resource Management Commission

Energy Management Services' requests authorization to issue a letter of intent in the amount of \$81,216 to Habitat Suites Hotel for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system, in accordance with the City of Austin's Solar Rebate Program guidelines. The program is one element of Austin Energy's comprehensive Strategic Plan approved in December 2003.

The Habitat Suites Hotel is located at 500 Highland Mall Drive. The solar photovoltaic equipment installed is estimated to provide yearly energy savings of 22,000 kWh.

The City will not exceed the maximum incentive offer should the final installed measures be eligible for a higher rebate at the time of the inspection due to changes in quantity or efficiency of equipment.