

AGENDA



Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County, providing for financial cooperation to facilitate the City and County's participation in a feasibility study conducted by the National Center for Arts and Technology.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Management Services Department.

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

For More Information: Jeff Knodel, Deputy CFO/974-2589

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.

This interlocal agreement reflects the financial arrangement between the City of Austin and Travis County for purposes of facilitating the City and County's participation in a feasibility study conducted by the National Center for Arts and Technology. This study will assess the possibility of introducing the successful Bidwell's Center model of trade/arts program developed by William E. Strickland, Jr., in the Pittsburgh community to service disadvantaged youth and unemployed adults. This model has been successfully duplicated in many areas of the U.S. as well as overseas. In the Pittsburgh area, this program offers after-school art classes (ceramics, digital media, sculpture, etc.) for high school students and vocational education for adults who may or may not have finished school.

The Dell Corporation will provide half of the \$150,000 study budget for a planning grant. AISD, Travis County, and the City of Austin will each contribute \$25,000 to this effort.