



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a master interlocal agreement with The University of Texas at Austin to provide research, consulting, and technical assistance on individual project agreements for up to five years for a total amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.

### **Lead Department**

Management Services

### **Fiscal Note**

Individual project agreements under this interlocal agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate departmental budgets.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

The master interlocal agreement will allow City departments to engage in individual project agreements with The University of Texas at Austin without having to seek Council approval for each individual project agreement. The master terms and conditions will be negotiated once, and each time a department would like to engage in a new individual project agreement with UT Austin, they will submit a work order and scope of work to the City to coordinate the individual project with UT Austin using the master interlocal agreement.

UT Austin and the City currently have several ongoing research collaboration project agreements. Several departments, including Austin Energy, the Austin Transportation Department, and the Economic Development Department, have multi-year individual project agreements with separate departments at UT Austin. Each of these agreements, including the terms and conditions, were negotiated separately and over a period of several months. This master interlocal agreement is intended to simplify and expedite future individual project agreement negotiations between the City and UT Austin.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment; Culture and Lifelong Learning; Safety; Government that Works for All; Economic Opportunity and Affordability; Mobility.