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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28580	Agenda Number	107.
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Meeting Date:	11/21/2013	Department:	Economic Development Department
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution to nominate eBay, Inc. for designation by the Governor’s Office of Economic Development and Tourism as a single Texas Enterprise Zone Project in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2303 (“Texas Enterprise Zone Act”).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This resolution authorizes the nomination of eBay, Inc. (eBay) as a single Enterprise Zone Project under the Texas Enterprise Zone Act (Act). The Act requires that a company be nominated by a municipality or county to be eligible for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program administered by the Governor’s Office of Economic Development and Tourism.

Founded in 1995, eBay Inc. is a global commerce and payments leader providing a robust platform where merchants of all sizes can compete and win. eBay Inc. is proposing a projected capital investment of \$8,486,323.00 by leasing 66,000 square feet of office space through a long-term lease in North Austin. The company plans to grow the eBay customer support function by committing to hire 400 new employees, as well as retain 500 current employees. The company qualifies for designation as an Enterprise Zone Project because of a planned investment in leasehold improvements, the placement of machinery and equipment at a business site located within the City of Austin, and the creation and retention of jobs. If eBay’s project is designated as an Enterprise Zone Project, the company will be eligible for a refund of State Sales and Use tax based on employment criteria and the amount of the capital spent at

the qualified business site.

Texas legislation currently authorizes 105 state designations each biennium. The City of Austin is eligible to receive up to nine (9) Enterprise Project designations based upon availability and competitiveness of the project every two years.