

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	<b>Item ID</b>	34328	<b>Agenda Number</b>	5.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/7/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Energy
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College for collaboration on a workforce training program dealing with alternative fuel vehicles, funded under a grant from the Department of Energy, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy through a U.S. Department of Energy grant approved by City Council as part of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget. The grant period is from February 2, 2013 to January 31, 2015.

**Fiscal Note**

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

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	September 11, 2012 – Approved Ordinance No. 20120910-001, accepting \$500,000 in DOE grant funds included in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. March 7, 2013 – Authorized interlocal agreement with the Alamo Area Council of Governments to establish the Central Texas Fuel Independence Project.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Karl Popham, Manager, Electric Vehicles & Emerging Technologies (512) 322-6005.
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	July 15, 2014 - Recommended by the Resource Management Commission on a vote of 6-0. July 21, 2014 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

The Central Texas Fuel Independence Project (“the Project”) is a regional initiative to reduce barriers to the widespread adoption and use of alternative fuel vehicles. This initiative will continue to expand awareness and adoption of electric and natural gas vehicles in 10 counties surrounding the Austin and San Antonio region. Austin Energy is in direct collaboration with local area governments, clean cities organizations, and industry advisors to facilitate a clear path to market for alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure.

The proposed interlocal agreement with Austin Community College (ACC) will establish a Central Texas Alternative Fuels Training Center to further the mission of the Project. The purpose of the training center is to train regional workforce, develop knowledge and training with tools and equipment in alternative vehicles through standard curriculum, and provide hands-on vehicle and infrastructure training. ACC will use industry standards and best practices to compose objectives, create detailed outlines, and to research and create course content. They will also

dedicate staff time for safety trainings, dealership trainings, shared infrastructure trainings, and outreach initiatives related to alternative fuels. ACC will execute training events throughout the Project's region and work with Austin Energy and the Project's partners.

Under this agreement, Austin Energy will provide a maximum of \$100,000 (utilizing funds from an already-approved U.S. Department of Energy grant) and ACC will provide a maximum of \$45,000. Additionally, ACC will leverage existing strategies and resources to develop an Advisory Council Consortium for the Central Texas area. The purpose of the council is to support the development of standardized curriculum and training infrastructure for alternative fuels vehicles in the region to include: hosting workshops, [facilitating first-responder training], promoting the use of alternative fuel vehicles, and building key partnerships in the community with subject matter experts for long-term sustainability of workforce development in the Central Texas region related to alternative fuels.