

RESOLUTION NO. 07-027

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF PORT
ARTHUR AND THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR
SECTION 4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000.**

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it in the public interest to authorize the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with City of Port Arthur; and

WHEREAS, because of the numerous employment opportunities coming to the City of Port Arthur due to the expansion of several refineries, the PAEDC wishes to fund a job training program to Port Arthur residents along with the City of Port Arthur and NIEHS/ OAI, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the PAEDC also wishes to fund a stipend to Port Arthur residents upon the completion of the program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Arthur will provide, through Lamar State College Port Arthur and ISTC, 96 to 100 hours of construction worker training for plant expansions through National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) to Port Arthur residents unemployed and underemployed; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2006, the Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Board of Directors found that the training to be provided by City of Port Arthur through Lamar State College Port Arthur is suitable to promote business enterprises moving to or expanding in Port Arthur; and

WHEREAS, particularly the petrochemical industry needs skilled workers during the construction and operation of the petrochemical expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Board of Directors has determined that a monetary incentive will attract candidates to the training program, who could otherwise not afford such a large time commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Board of Directors has agreed to pay \$1,200 for training of thirty (30) unemployed or underemployed Port Arthur resident selected for the program; and

WHEREAS, an additional incentive of \$200.00 will be paid to all sixty (60) unemployed or underemployed Port Arthur residents upon each individual's completion of the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER); and

WHEREAS, the City Port Arthur agrees to provide Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation sufficient documentation to show enrollment and successful completion of the Program for residency incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation is herein authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Port Arthur.

Section 3. That the President and Secretary of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation are herein authorized to sign the agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Section 4. That the City of Port Arthur is herein authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation.

Section 5. That the City Manager is herein authorized to sign the agreement on the behalf of the City of Port Arthur in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Section 6. That a copy of this Resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON THE 16th **day of** January
A.D. 2007, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by
the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Prince,
City Council: Jewes, Barker, Henderson,
Hood, Beaud and Sinegal.

NOES: None.

Oscar D. Ortiz
OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

Attest:

Evangeline Green
EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Val Figno
MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY (ON BEHALF OF)

Germer & Gertz, L.L.P.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

EXHIBIT “A”

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CITY OF PORT ARTHUR
AND
PORT ARTHUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

This agreement is entered into between the **City of Port Arthur** and the **Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation Board**, hereafter referred to as **PAEDC**.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish guidelines for the cooperative working relationship between the PAEDC and the City of Port Arthur, in order to ensure the receipt of the approved funding from PAEDC for the City of Port Arthur for the Job Training Program. Also to maximize resources, reduce duplication of services, and encourage sharing of information. Specifically this agreement will address the coordination of monies to pay for construction job training for thirty (30) trainees through a job training program developed by Lamar State College Port Arthur; specific job training courses at ISTC for thirty (30) trainees ; and provide course completion incentives for sixty (60) trainees; to students attending the Construction job Training Program through OAI Katrina/Rita Brownfield's Minority Training Program Grant, hereafter referred to as OAI B-MWT.

II. Responsibilities

PAEDC agrees to:

- Pay for the cost of the construction job training program developed and held at Lamar State College Port Arthur for thirty (30) selected trainees. This training is a computer based program that develops skills in power tools, hand tools, rigging, blueprints, and employability. (program outline attached)
- Pay for the cost of the skill training of thirty (30) trainees provided by ISTC (Industrial Safety Training Council) which includes: Basic Safety Plus, Scaffolding, and Fire Guard training.
- Pay an incentive for the completion of the training program for the total sixty (60) trainees that will take part in the program. The amount will be \$200 per graduate. The total number of trainees in the program is 60. Note: Thirty (30) of the trainees tuitions from Lamar and ISTC will be paid for through the OAI, Inc. grant that the City received in the amount of \$36,015.
- The amount of funding that the PAEDC has agreed to pay to the City of Port Arthur for payment to Lamar College (for training classes) , to ISTC

(for training classes) and to the trainees (\$200 each at graduation) is **not to exceed \$48,000.**

City of Port Arthur hereby agrees to:

- Develop flyers and public service announcements regarding the Construction Job Training program to recruit a total of 60 trainees (30 paid for through the OAI grant ; and 30 paid for by PAEDC)
- Screen applications with the assistance of TWC and City Staff and select the 60 participants.
- Monitor the classes and the overall program.
- Provide invoices to the PAEDC for payment for the program costs as agreed not to exceed \$48,000.
- Handle all payments for the program through the City's Finance Department.
- Ensure controls are in place to monitor payments, charges and participant attendance.
- Provide training completion information for each participant to the PAEDC.

The **PAEDC** and the **City of Port Arthur** agree to:

- Work cooperatively toward the success of the construction job training program.
- Identify, designate staff persons to ensure this agreement is adhered to.
- Exchange documentation, data and information as necessary to further the purpose of this agreement.

III. Allocation of Cost

The participants in this project assume full responsibility for their respective costs associated with the performance of the terms of this agreement.

IV. Agreement Period

This agreement shall commence on the date it is executed and shall remain in effect until August 30, 2007.

Agreed by:

Steve Fitzgibbons, City Manager
City of Port Arthur

Date

Floyd Batiste, CEO
Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation

Date