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Title: Calling for hearings with Argonne National Laboratory to discuss current collaborations and partnership opportunities with City of Chicago in areas of energy economics

Committee(s) Assignment: Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in the Chicago 2011 Transition report, one of the goals is to work closely with partners, stakeholders, and the private sector to develop a plan for job growth that focuses on targeted industry sectors and clusters. To make more efficient use of resources, emphasize job growth, expansion, and retention in partnership with workforce development and trade efforts; and,

WHEREAS, also in the report, it calls for the City to develop policies to help increase local employment and entrepreneurship around energy, sustainable infrastructure, waste reduction, and other green industries; and,

WHEREAS, Argonne National Laboratory is a major energy laboratory just outside the City of Chicago, and,

WHEREAS, Argonne National Laboratory vision states "to lead the world in providing scientific and engineering solutions to the grand challenges of our time: plentiful and safe energy, a healthy environment, economic competitiveness, and a secure nation", and,

WHEREAS, Argonne supports numerous DCEO activities including initiatives in energy conservation and the environment and the Illinois Technology Enterprise Centers, which serve technology-based entrepreneurs, innovators and small businesses by assisting them with critical business startup and marketing needs; and,

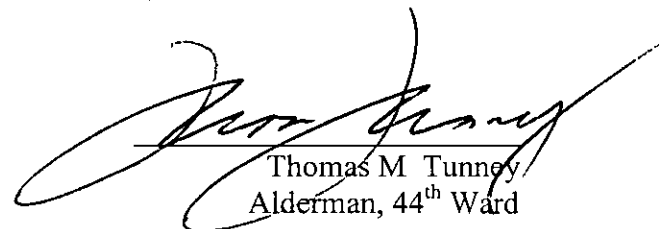
WHEREAS, Argonne and the University of Chicago have teamed up to support the establishment of small business enterprises by focusing on emerging technology, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has had a long history of leading the implementation of new technologies and strategies to increase economic development on a city-wide basis; and,

WHEREAS, businesses large and small are beginning to position themselves to maximize the opportunity of a new "energy economy", and at the same time, government agencies at all levels are engaging in this sector with the hope of supporting both economic development and environmental sustainability, and;

WHEREAS, Argonne is leading fundamental breakthroughs into deployable, safe, reliable, and economically competitive technologies which relies on world-class applied research and engineering, and since no single organization has the resources to overcome the major challenges alone; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Economic, Capital & Technology Development, hold hearing(s) with Argonne National Laboratory to learn how the City of Chicago can continue to build off our current collaborations in the areas of energy economy and to discuss the future partnership opportunities



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