

A RESOLUTION BY
BY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) CARLA SMITH



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**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING INVEST ATLANTA
TO DEVELOP A POLICY FOR CREATING A
COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY OF
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE CITY OF
ATLANTA AND LOCAL BUSINESSES AND
ENTREPRENEURS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, in an effort to better assist locally-based emerging technology and non-technology companies, the City of Atlanta (“City”) desires to provide assistance to Atlanta’s startup companies by providing opportunities for these companies to demonstrate and test their innovative products and services within the City; and

WHEREAS, in connection with that effort, the City desires to foster partnerships between the City and the City’s entrepreneurs that would allow, as appropriate, the use City lands, facilities, or property to provide unique demonstration, testing and research development opportunities for such entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, such partnerships (“Demonstration Partnerships”) would add value to the City by advancing the City’s economic development strategy and positioning the City as a location for cutting edge innovation for fast growing companies; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a policy (the “Policy”) that will provide for a streamlined process that would allow the City to consider, where appropriate, entering into mutually beneficial Demonstration Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Development Authority d/b/a Invest Atlanta (“Invest Atlanta”) is the economic development authority for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA; as follows

SECTION 1: That the Mayor, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Invest Atlanta, is hereby requested to direct Invest Atlanta to develop a Demonstration Partnership Policy for the purpose of allowing start up companies and entrepreneurs to use City lands, facilities, or property to demonstrate and test their innovative products and services within the City.

SECTION 2: The Mayor is further requested to cause Invest Atlanta to present the Demonstration Partnership Policy to the Finance/Executive Committee of the Council of the City for approval by June 30, 2014.

SECTION 3: The Municipal Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Invest Atlanta.

SECTION 4: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.