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Media advisory

Adults with disabilities get specialized computer workstations so they can find employment opportunities on-line; at-risk youth are introduced to rocketry, robotics, aquatic ecology and solar energy; non-native English speaking families receive bi-lingual computer training …these are just some of the offerings of the ten winning projects that will receive Grant for Technology Opportunities (GTOPs) funding for projects connecting our citizens with information technology, computers and the Internet.

Councilmember Brewster McCracken will present the 2008 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program awards on **Monday, April 21th at 2:00 p.m.** at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street in the News Conference Room.

The GTOPs program was designed by the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to support digital technology projects that show promise of benefiting our community. Commission Chair Chip Rosenthal said recently of the program, "GTOPs enables local organizations to leverage technology in novel ways. Its achievements are remarkable--and a tribute to the innovation and community spirit of Austin."

The Austin City Council allocated funding in the amount of $150,000 for FY 2007-08. GTOPs will provide matching funds to Austin organizations and citizens' groups for a broad array of citizen-driven technology literacy and access programs.

Members of the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission are expected.

GTOPs information is available on-line at *www.gtops.org*.

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