

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESSES WITHIN THE HOUSTON REGION TO EXPLORE THE USE OF AND, IF FEASIBLE, IMPLEMENT THE BY-PRODUCT SYNERGY PROCESS WITHIN THEIR OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the by-product synergy process matches under-valued waste from one facility with potential users of the waste as a raw material at another facility in order to create savings or new revenues with potential social and environmental benefits;

WHEREAS, the by-product synergy process brings organizations together to exchange information about their processes to create synergies which can increase revenues, decrease costs, and create new opportunities for businesses while protecting sensitive intellectual property;

WHEREAS, these by-product synergies can involve cooperation between different organizations or can result in increased cooperation by different units within an organization;

WHEREAS, the by-product synergy process can be used by governments, by businesses, or by joint efforts involving both types of entities;

WHEREAS, these synergies can result in decreased pollution, increased energy efficiency, reduced material usage, reduced waste, and reduced costs;

WHEREAS, these increases in efficiency and decreases in pollutants and other forms of waste will help to improve the environment, including air quality, within the Houston region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that the by-product synergy process be explored and, when possible, implemented by local governments and companies within the Houston region

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED, this XXth day of December 2008 by the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL