

## A G E N D A



## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29144	Agenda Number	52.
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Meeting Date:	December 12, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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## Subject

Authorize ratification of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES for Internet Services through THEnet (Texas Higher Education Network) in the amount of \$60,113 with one 12-month option in an amount not to exceed \$64,202 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$124,315.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$60,113 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding for the extension option is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
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Prior Council Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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### Additional Backup Information

The University of Texas ITS Office of Telecommunication Services (UT OTS) provides the City of Austin with access to national networks, including the commodity Internet and/or the Internet2 and National LambdaRail networks. Access is accomplished via the City's connection to the THEnet backbone. The THEnet backbone interconnects all THEnet subscriber institutions, including the City of Austin, and acts as a conduit to the national networks. The City had an interlocal agreement with UT OTS to provide 150 Mbs of internet service. This agreement expired on August 31, 2013. Communication and Technology Management has been working with the University of Texas to forecast future yearly bandwidth costs which has taken more time than expected due to a rapidly changing market landscape caused by Google's anticipated entrance into the Austin market. UT continued to provide services beyond the end date of the agreement to avoid a disruption in the City's use of the internet.

The City is now requesting ratification of a new ILA with UT OTS to include an increased level of service due to the increasing requirements for bandwidth throughout the organization. This bandwidth is necessary to support all of the requirements including those from APD, AFD, CTECC, Libraries and others that require fast connection and broad bandwidth.

The new interlocal agreement is for the period beginning September 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2014 with one 12-month extension option. The new agreement will provide increased bandwidth of 260 Mbps Commodity Internet service. It also includes network equipment co-location in a University of Texas facility and a port charge.

The City intends to seek additional bandwidth from another provider for redundancy.

This agreement is entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.