

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	29155	Agenda Number	58.
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Meeting Date:	December 12, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a requirements service contract through the U.S. Communities cooperative with UNICOM GOVERNMENT, INC., for the agreement of upgraded television editing and broadcasting systems related to the City of Austin television channel facilities in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). The Small and Minority Business Resource Department will work with the vendor to meet the 4.88% MBE and 0.40% WBE subcontractor participation goals established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

Founded in 1985, Channel 6 is the City of Austin government television station. Programming includes a prolific amount of public meetings as well as a diverse set of productions that include reality shows, public service announcements, and educational videos about the City of Austin.

The current Channel 6 control room was built in 2004, is located at City Hall, and is on the verge of a critical failure that would affect the City's ability to televise City Council Meetings as well as other programming. These upgrades will result in a system that improves staff efficiency and production quality. The City Hall television facilities include two control rooms, a master control room, news conference room/studio, two meeting rooms equipped with robotic cameras, and edit suites. Equipment in each of these facilities was purchased in 2003 and need to be upgraded in order to match current technology which will directly improve the quality and reliability of the channel.

This agreement will consist of redesign and reconstruction services of existing television editing and broadcasting systems related to the City of Austin television channel facilities upgrades. The system design and integration of this project includes the detailed evaluation of the project needs, a complete list of proposed equipment, equipment and furniture layouts, equipment integration design, signal flow diagrams, rack elevations, plate and patch panel details, cable runs and labeling, system control and equipment setting schedules, cost estimates, schedule control, demolition of existing equipment and furniture, purchases of new equipment and furniture, integration of new systems per approved design, commissioning, and training.

Channel 6 is available on Time Warner Cable, Grande Communications, AT&T U-Verse, and will be added to Google Cable TV in 2014.