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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

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| Austin City Council | Item ID: | 29698 | Agenda Number | 46. |
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| Meeting Date: | January 23, 2014 |
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| Department: | Purchasing |
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with VERIZON ENTERPRISE SERVICES to provide Multiple Label Switching Services infrastructure from Verizon Network Operation Centers to the City of Austin in an amount not to exceed \$213,975.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Communication and Technology Management Department, CTECC.

Fiscal Note

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

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| Purchasing Language: | Sole Source |
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| Prior Council Action: | |
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| Boards and Commission 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). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract. |
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Additional Backup Information

This is a new contract request to secure Multiple Label Switching Services (MPLS) infrastructure from Verizon Network Operation Centers to the City of Austin "CTECC" in support of Public Safety mobile data computers. The existing infrastructure "DS3" is nearing end of life, thus the carriers are raising rates by 30% on January 1, 2014 to push customers towards newer technologies. Currently there is a \$3,200,000 Mobile Data Computer (MDC) refresh project underway to replace approximately 300 units and they must be procured with 4G technologies which will render them unusable on the current infrastructure. MPLS infrastructure must be in place before any 4G enabled device may connect to the network.

Verizon Enterprise Services is the sole provider of Verizon MPLS infrastructure which is required to connect Verizon 4G enabled mobile data computers used by the City's public safety employees to the network. Verizon does not allow other service providers to provide MPLS infrastructure into Verizon Wireless Network Operations Centers.

Without this contract and subsequent migration to MPLS/4G infrastructure Public Safety Agencies will continue to be limited by sub-standard network speeds and bandwidth limitations of old 3G networks.