

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioner's Court Meeting	Item ID	34306	Agenda Number	18.
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Meeting Date:	8/28/2014	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District No. 14 (ESD # 14) to provide installation, maintenance and repair of ESD # 14's wireless communications equipment for a 12-month term for an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,000 payable to the City and with annual automatic renewal terms in the same estimated amount per renewal. Related to Items # 16 and # 17.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fees for these services are to be paid to the City of Austin by Travis County on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$5,000 annually.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Chuck Brotherton, Wireless Communication Services Manager, (512) 927-3209
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

City of Austin acts as program manager for the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System ("GATRRS"), which provides voice radio communications for most public safety agencies (police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical services) in the Austin-Travis County region. In that capacity, the City, through the Wireless Communication Services Division of CTM, runs a full-service radio shop that provides installation, maintenance, and repair services to all City of Austin departments for two-way radios, mobile data computers, in-vehicle video/audio systems, sirens, light bars, antennas, and related equipment. As an internal service-funded division, CTM-Wireless recovers its costs for these services by invoicing the departments it serves.

The City has agreements in place with Travis County Emergency Services District Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 12, all of which are dispatched by Austin Fire and utilize GATRRS for voice radio communications, for vehicle equipment installation, configuration, and maintenance services. Because the ESDs utilize public safety systems maintained by CTM, it makes sense that the equipment they use to access these systems should also be maintained by CTM. By providing these services, CTM-Wireless is able to maintain a high level of standardization and quality control for all agencies that use GATRRS, thereby improving overall system performance and reliability as well as customer satisfaction. CTM-Wireless bills all outside agencies at the same rates charged for internal services to City of Austin departments.

The proposed Agreement with Travis County Emergency Services District No. 14 will provide this outside agency the same level of access and service already being delivered to its counterpart ESDs. ESD # 14 will pay the City for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule.