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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	44112	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	May 21, 2015			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES contract with VERIZON WIRELESS, AT&T MOBILITY, and T-MOBILE USA to provide wireless communication services and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 each and combined, with four 12-month extension options in an amount each and combined not to exceed \$2,575,000 for the first extension option, \$2,652,250 for the second extension option, \$2,731,818 for the third extension option, and \$2,813,772 for the fourth extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,272,840 each and combined.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$1,041,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining seven months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase through State of Texas Department of Information Resources with the current providers of wireless services. Current contract expires June 26, 2015.			
Prior Council Action:				
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Boards and Commission Action:	April 14, 2015 - Approved by the Austin Airport Advisory Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Kelsey and McDaniel absent. April 20, 2015 – Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote. May 13, 2015 – Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote with Commissioner Moriarty and Ohueri absent.			
Related Items:				

MBE / WBE:

The cooperative 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.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide wireless data network connectivity and related services and equipment to various City departments. Wireless requirements have increased substantially since the prior contract due to the increased use of mobile technology devices including tablets and equipment used for Automatic Vehicle Location.

- For the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services, and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, wireless data network connectivity will allow service calls to be wirelessly sent via the City's Computer Aided Dispatch system to mobile data devices (laptop computers) installed in the vehicles of first responders.
- For the Watershed Protection, Health and Human Services, and Austin Resource Recovery Departments, wireless data network connectivity will allow inspectors, using the mobile data devices (laptop computers) installed in their vehicles, to wirelessly access the permitting and inspection databases of the permitting system, complete their research and inspection work, and provide copies of reports to customers while still in the field.
- For the Austin Water and Austin Energy, wireless data network connectivity will provide service for wireless metering (using wireless-equipped modems) as well as enable the utilities to route service orders directly to their field crews via mobile data devices (laptop computers).
- For the Aviation, Financial and Administrative Services, and other City departments, wireless data network connectivity allows employees to remotely access informational databases and to transmit/report information used in departmental activities such as noise monitoring, GIS surveys, workforce scheduling, service order routing, in-field report filing, inventory and asset management, facilities management, construction management, security and public safety communications, and Information Technology support.
- Several Departments, including Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Water, Austin Energy, Public Works (Street and Bridge), and Watershed Protection, use this contract for Automatic Vehicle Location.
- Various City departments have cell phones with service. The City has a total of approximately 395 phones with wireless voice only service, 20 which are for emergency use only, and 105 phones with data and voice service.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a Cooperative Agreement. The DIR Cooperative contracts save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of technology contracts through a streamlined Cooperative purchasing program.

This is an urgent request due to the critical need of the service across all City departments. The current contract expires on June 26, 2015.