

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 60628 Agenda Number 24.

Meeting Date: 8/18/2016 Department: Communications and Technology Memt

## Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with The University of Texas for internet services through Texas Higher Education Network in an amount not to exceed \$57,464 with four 12-month renewal options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$114,968 for the first option, \$114,968 for the second option, \$155,206 for the third option and \$209,528 for the fourth option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$652,134.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$57,464 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget of the Communications and Technology Management Department. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon availability in future budgets.

### Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
Prior Council Action:	
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Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

This interlocal agreement (ILA) will provide continued internet access to the City. The City has been contracting internet access though the University of Texas for approximately 20 years, and over the last five years the City has paid an average of \$70K per year to UT for this access. The Texas Higher Education Network (THEnet) backbone interconnects all THEnet subscriber institutions, including the City of Austin, and acts as a conduit to national networks. CTM works with the University of Texas to forecast network capacity needs at fair market costs. Internet bandwidth usage is forecast to have an annual growth rate of 25% to 35% due to increased access to cloud based services and increased streaming video usage. The forecasted growth rate requires the city to expand capacity annually.

CTM is requesting a new ILA with The University of Texas Office of Telecommunication Services (UT OTS) to provision 2017 capacity at the same level as 2016, allow up to a 100% capacity increase in 2018, hold 2019 capacity at the 2018 level and increase capacity up to 35% in each of the two remaining years.

The current interlocal agreement with UT OTS expires August 31, 2016.

UT THEnet projected spend							
				Contract			
	#		Contract	Amendme	Revised		
	months	FY	Amount	nt	Amount		
Original Term	12	2017	\$57,464	n/a	n/a		
Extension Option 1	12	2018	\$114,968	n/a	n/a		
Extension Option 2	12	2019	\$114,968	n/a	n/a		
Extension Option 3	12	2020	\$155,206	n/a	n/a		
Extension Option 4	12	2021	\$209,528	n/a	n/a		
TOTAL			\$652,134				