



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1511, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

4/9/2020

Posting Language

Authorize execution of separate agreements with St. Edwards University and Concordia University that establish each as a new partner in the Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC), as permitted by the existing interlocal agreements with the governmental agencies that are partners in ARIC.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 9, 2017 - City Council approved amendments to the interlocal agreements that permit the City of Austin to enter into separate agreements with private universities.

For More Information:

Troy Gay, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department, (512) 974-5030

Additional Backup Information:

The Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) is a collaborative effort between partnering agencies providing resources, expertise and/or information to a single center to enhance the ability to detect, prevent and respond to emerging crime trends or potential terrorism activity by linking existing law enforcement data. The partner agencies that are each a party to the two related interlocal agreements that govern management and funding for the ARIC have authorized the City to enter into separate agreements to allow private universities that include police departments (to which the Interlocal Cooperation Act does not apply) to also become partners in ARIC. To qualify to become a partner, a private university must utilize a full-service law enforcement component that employs police officers licensed by the State of Texas and vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities. Concordia University and St. Edwards University (the Universities) both meet this qualification. Under the terms of the two related interlocal agreements, City Council must approve each agreement with a private university.

Thus, by approving these agreements with the Universities, City Council will permit them to become partners in ARIC. The agreements require the Universities to abide by the same terms as the governmental entity partners, including compliance with the ARIC Privacy Policy. Finally, state law requires that private university police departments comply with the Public Information Act with respect to information related to their law enforcement activities.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.