



**Water & Wastewater Commission  
Review and Recommendation**

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	April 13, 2022	<b>COA Strategic Direction:</b>	Government that Works for All
<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	April 21, 2022		
<b>Department:</b>	Financial Services Department		
<b>Client:</b>	David Johnson		
<b>Agenda Item</b>			
Recommend approval to negotiate and execute three cooperative contracts with Cellco Partnership, T-Mobile USA Inc., and AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC for wireless communication services and equipment, each for a term of five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$40,730,000 divided among the contractors. Austin Water's total requested authorization is \$1,124,768.			
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>			
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.			
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these services. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the services required at the best value for the City.		
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A		
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	<p>March 21, 2022 – Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Bowen, Cardenas, Chapman, and Funkhauser absent.</p> <p>April 13, 2022 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.</p>		
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

These contracts will provide wireless data network connectivity and related services and equipment to all City departments. Wireless requirements have increased substantially due to the increased use of mobile technology devices including tablets and equipment used for Automatic Vehicle Location. Wireless data network connectivity allows service calls to be wirelessly sent via the City's Computer Aided Dispatch system to mobile data devices installed in the vehicles of first responders. It also allows inspectors to wirelessly access permitting and inspection databases. Wireless data network connectivity provides for wireless metering and enables the utilities to route service orders directly to their field crew. It also allows employees to remotely access informational databases and to transmit information used in departmental activities.

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