



**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>	May 5, 2022		
<b>Department:</b>	Financial Services Department		
<b>Client:</b>	David Johnson		
<b>Agenda Item</b>			
Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with AT&T to provide local and long-distance telephone services citywide, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,600,000. Austin Water's total requested authorization is \$1,100,000.			
<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>	Sole source.		
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	N/A		
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	April 11, 2022 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission. April 13, 2022 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.		
<b>MBE/WBE:</b>	Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

The contract is for the local and long-distance telephone services needed for inbound and outbound calling to our Private Branch Exchange systems citywide. Other services included in this contract are flow meter circuits for Austin Water and Austin Energy dedicated circuits for Electric Reliability Council of Texas remote monitoring, which requires Flat Business Line Service. AT&T is the only provider who can provide the Flat Business Line Service to our current installation of 2200 business lines. AT&T owns all the copper infrastructure that provides these services and is the last mile provider for these services. Contracting with AT&T allows the City to avoid additional fees another provider would charge to use the AT&T infrastructure.

Contracting directly with AT&T will provide the City with added flexibility for additional services and streamlined billing.