



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of agreements with several federal, state, and local agencies to permit communications equipment to connect to the Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System Master Site to facilitate interoperable and seamless radio communications with Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System users.

Lead Department

Communications and Technology Management

Fiscal Note

If it is determined by the COA CTM-Wireless Communication Services Division that outside entity connection to, and use of, the GATRRS Master Site has a cost to COA associated with it, CTM-Wireless Communication Services would assess a charge to the respective outside entity so that COA is reimbursed.

Prior Council Action:

Previous Councils have approved similar ILAs.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City of Austin and its other Partners in the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS) provide leadership for a multi-jurisdictional Project 25 (P25) standard, interoperable 700 MHz / 800 MHz trunked radio communications system. In 2005, a \$6,000,000 federal grant to the City of Austin provided a substantial upgrade to the GATRRS "Master Site," with the stated purpose to include the hosting of other government jurisdiction radio systems into a common wide-area system to improve radio communications interoperability for day-to-day operations, mutual aid, and critical incident operations among government agencies. "Interoperability" is defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as: "the ability of emergency response agencies to talk to one another via communication systems-to exchange voice and/or data with one another on demand, in real time, when needed, and as authorized."

The proposed "Master Site Use Interlocal Agreements" will allow the outside government entities listed below to connect into an interoperable platform. Costs related to connection of the outside entities to the GATRRS Master Site will be borne by the outside entities at no expense to the City of Austin or the other GATRRS Partners, and the outside entities will pay for their own radio system operation and maintenance costs as well as services to be performed by COA at the request of the outside entities.

- Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and its members
- South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) and its members
- Nortex Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) and its members
- Ark-Tex Area Council of Governments (ATCOG) and its members

- East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) and its members
- West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) and its members
- Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) and its members
- Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) and its members
- Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG) and its members
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) and its members
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) and its members
- South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) and its members
- Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and its members
- Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) and its members
- Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) and its members
- Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) and its members
- Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) and its members