

AGENDA



Thursday, October 23, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 38**

Subject: Approve ratification of an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas Office of Telecommunication Services for Internet services provided to the City of Austin in Fiscal Years 1998-2008 in the amount of \$587,121.43; and authorize the negotiation and execution of terms to purchase Internet services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$133,092 with four one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 per renewal option for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$853,092.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Communications and Technology Management in an amount not to exceed \$133,092.

Funding for future fiscal years will be budgeted annually.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Mick Osborne, Specialist Sr. Buyer/974-2995

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is an Interlocal Agreement; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established.

The University of Texas Office of Telecommunication Services (UT OTS) provides Internet access services to the City. Access is accomplished via the City's connection to the Texas Higher Education Network (THEnet) backbone. The THEnet backbone interconnects all THEnet subscriber institutions, including the City of Austin, and acts as a conduit to the national networks.

Service has been provided to the City of Austin since 1998, but without a signed Interlocal Agreement. This Interlocal Agreement will ratify the prior service and expenditures as well as authorize the negotiation and execution of terms for the purchase of Internet access service in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and four one-year renewal options.

The services under this Agreement are subject to City's annual funding and payment or the Agreement will terminate and services will cease. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 60 days prior written notice. Rates for service access are set by bandwidth access for all THEnet users and annually adjusted by UT OTS. The agreement also includes a network equipment co-location in a University of Texas facility and a port charge. To receive the internet services, the City must comply with the THEnet Use Policy.

Currently, the City of Austin utilizes 150 Mbs of service to provide service to all of our locations and high demand locations such as the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and public libraries.