

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 90

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources with VERIZON WIRELESS, Lewisville, TX and AT&T Mobility, Phoenix, AZ for wireless communication services and equipment in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,681,660 each and combined, with four 12-month extension options in estimated amounts each and combined not to exceed \$1,801,660 for the first extension option, \$1,921,660 for the second extension option, \$2,041,660 for the third extension option, and \$2,161,660 for the fourth extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$9,608,300 each and combined.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$280,277 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining 10 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

**For More Information:** Lynn Mueller, Contract Compliance Manager 972-0411; Mike Simpson, Wireless Communication Services Manager, CTM 927-3209.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract will provide wireless data network connectivity and related services and equipment to the various City departments listed below.

- For the Austin Police, Austin Fire, Austin-Travis County EMS, Public Safety and Emergency Management Departments, wireless data network connectivity will allow service calls to be wirelessly sent via the City's Computer Aided Dispatch system to mobile data devices (laptop computers) installed in the vehicles of first responders.
- For the Watershed Protection and Development Review, Health and Human Services, and Solid Waste Services Departments, wireless data network connectivity will allow inspectors, using the mobile data devices (laptop computers) installed in their vehicles, to wirelessly access the permitting and inspection databases of the AMANDA system, complete their research and inspection work, and provide copies of reports to customers while still in the field.
- For the Austin Water Utility and Austin Energy, wireless data network connectivity will provide service for wireless metering (using wireless-equipped modems) as well as enable the departments to route service orders directly to their field crews via mobile data devices (laptop computers).
- For the Aviation, Financial and Administrative Services, and other City departments, wireless data network connectivity allows employees to remotely access informational databases and to transmit/report information used in departmental activities such as noise monitoring, GIS surveys, workforce scheduling,

service order routing, in-field report filing, inventory and asset management, facilities management, construction management, security and public safety, communications, and IT support.

- For various City departments, wireless voice service for approximately 200 phones which are shared by groups of employees or used only in cases of emergency.

DIR has continued to provide additional products and services through its program at competitively bid discounted prices. The purchasing power of the State of Texas is used to leverage purchasing effectiveness. Communications and Technology Management (CTM) reviews and approves all technology purchases. All technology requests will undergo technology review to ensure compliance with citywide standards and technology compatibility with existing systems.