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RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	6336
Meeting Date:	5/26/2011	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas, with automatic renewal annually unless terminated pursuant to the terms of the agreement, for the City's Wireless Communication Services Division ("WCSD") to perform and bill UT at the City's current rates for installation, maintenance, and repair of the University's mobile and portable two-way radios, mobile data computers, in-vehicle video/audio systems, sirens, light bars, antennas, and related equipment.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fees for services rendered are to be paid to the City of Austin by the University of Texas on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$10,000 annually.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Chuck Brotherton, CTM Wireless Manager, 927-3209
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin acts as the "Program Manager" for the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System ("GATRRS"), which provides voice radio communications for most public safety agencies (police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical services) in the Austin-Travis County region. In that capacity, the City, through the Wireless Communication Services Division of CTM, runs a full-service radio shop that provides installation, maintenance, and repair services to all City of Austin departments for two-way radios, mobile data computers, in-vehicle video/audio systems, sirens, light bars, antennas, and related equipment. As an internal service-funded division, WCSD recovers its costs for these services by invoicing the departments it serves.

Outside governmental agencies that utilize the GATRRS for their radio communications often request the City's radio maintenance, repair, and installation services. In past years, with Council authorization, WCSD has executed Radio Maintenance Interlocal Agreements with Travis County and its GATRRS Associates, including twelve Travis County Emergency Services Districts (fire departments) and several municipal police departments, as well as the Austin Independent School District. By providing these services, WCSD is able to maintain a high level of standardization and quality control for all agencies that use the GATRRS, thereby improving overall system performance and reliability as well as customer satisfaction. This enhances the delivery of public safety and emergency response services across the region. WCSD bills outside agencies at the same rates charged for internal services to City of Austin departments.

The proposed agreement will allow the University of Texas, at its request, to utilize the installation, maintenance, and repair services of the City Radio Shop at WCSD, and will allow WCSD to bill the University of Texas for these services at current rates. Estimated revenue for these services is \$10,000 a year.