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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	6963	Agenda Number	6.
Meeting Date:	6/23/2011		Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County under which the City's Wireless Communication Services Division will provide installation, maintenance and repair of Travis County's wireless communications equipment for a 12-month term with an estimated amount of \$150,000 payable to the City and with annual automatic renewal terms in the same estimated amount per renewal.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Fees for these services are to be paid to the City of Austin by the County on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$150,000 annually.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>December 15, 1988 - Council approved an Interlocal Maintenance Service Agreement with Travis County for radio communications systems with certain County departments. September 16, 1994 - Council approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Travis County for installation, repair, and maintenance of radio communications components and systems. November 5, 1999 - Council approved an amendment to the 1994 Agreement to allow the City to collect monthly rent for County radio equipment located at City-owned tower sites.</p>			
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Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

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.

The City has had agreements in place with Travis County since 1988 for radio installation and maintenance services. In subsequent years, with Council authorization, WCSD has executed Radio Maintenance Interlocal Agreements with Travis County's 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. WCSD bills the County and all other outside agencies at the same rates charged for internal services to City of Austin departments.

The proposed Agreement with Travis County restates the portions of the 1994 agreement, as amended in 1999, that are to remain effective and includes new provisions for the City and the County to implement. The County will pay the City for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule.