



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Stephen Elkins, Chief Information Officer

**DATE:** November 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Ratification – Enterprise Internet Access

*JP T. Pennington for Stephen Elkins*

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The City of Austin's Communications and Technology Management Department has been subscribing to Internet services provided by the University of Texas since 1998.

The City of Austin had an interlocal agreement (ILA) with the University of Texas Office of Telecommunication Services (UT OTS) for 150Mbps of bandwidth at a cost of \$853,092 authorized through the end of August 2013. This bandwidth was necessary to support all of the requirements including those from APD, AFD, CTECC, Libraries and others that require fast connection and broad bandwidth.

An RCA will be brought to Council on December 12, 2013 requesting ratification of a new ILA to provide internet service from the end of August 2013 through the end of August 2014 with one 12-month extension option and to increase the bandwidth provided to 260 Mbps at a cost of \$60,112.56 for the initial contract and \$64,202.04 for the option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$124,314.60.

Communication and Technology Management has been working with the University of Texas to forecast future yearly bandwidth costs which has taken more time than expected due to a rapidly changing market landscape caused by Google's anticipated entrance into the Austin market.

Cc Marc A. Ott, City Manager  
Anthony J. Snipes, Assistant City Manager