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**Meeting Date:** 8/7/2014

**Department:** Austin Police Department

**Subject**

Approve execution of an interlocal agreement with Hays County to allow the County to connect to the City of Austin’s Automated Palm and Fingerprint System (APFIS); to enter its fingerprint and palm records into the APFIS database; and to search the database for matches.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding for the APFIS access and related costs will be maintained by Hays County.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

**Purchasing Language:**

**Prior Council Action:**

**For More Information:** Jessica Robledo, Assistant Chief | 974-5030

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**MBE / WBE:**

**Related Items:**

**Additional Backup Information**

The Austin Police Department operates an Automated Palm and Fingerprint System (APFIS) that is used as an identification system in the booking and criminal justice system. This interlocal agreement would allow Hays County to connect to the City of Austin’s APFIS; to enter its fingerprint and palm records into the APFIS database; and to search the database for matches. Hays County’s participation in APFIS will increase the records available to make potential matches, thus providing more information for solving crimes.

Due to the importance and the need of this program, both parties would like the interlocal to go into effect as soon as possible. This agreement takes effect immediately when signed on behalf of both parties. The agreement shall automatically renew on October 1 of each successive year, for up to four (4) renewal periods unless terminated by either party by written notice given at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of each contract year.

Hays County will assume the costs to access the system which include furnishing and maintaining the communication line from APD to Hays County; purchasing the workstation and any necessary peripherals; and ensuring that data entered meets APFIS standards. The City of Austin will continue to maintain security access and is considered the primary owner of the system.