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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	41185	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	4/2/2015	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with Caldwell County for the installation, maintenance, and repair of Caldwell County's wireless communications equipment for a 12-month term for an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,000 payable to the City and with annual automatic renewal terms in the same estimated amount per renewal.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fees for these services are to be paid to the City of Austin by Caldwell County on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$5,000 annually.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin acts as program manager for the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS), which provides voice radio communications for the majority of public safety agencies (police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical services) in the 10-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region. In that capacity, the City, through the Wireless Communication Services Division (Wireless Division) runs a full-service radio shop that provides installation, maintenance, and repair services to all City 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, the Wireless Division recovers its costs for these services by invoicing the departments it serves.

The City has agreements in place with several governmental entities across the CAPCOG region utilizing GATRRS to provide their GATRRS-related vehicle equipment installation, configuration, and maintenance services. Because these entities use the radio system maintained by Wireless Division, it makes sense that the equipment they use to access this system should also be maintained by Wireless Division. By providing such services, the Wireless Division is able to maintain a high level of standardization and quality control for all agencies that use GATRRS, thereby improving overall radio system performance and reliability as well as customer satisfaction.

The Wireless Division bills all outside agencies at the same rates charged for internal services to City departments. Caldwell County will pay the City for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule. This agreement shall renew annually for an indefinite period at the mutual agreement of the parties.

