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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	64883	Agenda Number	41.
Meeting Date:		December 1, 2016			
Department:		Purchasing			
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract through the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS cooperative purchasing program with NEXTEL OF TEXAS, INC. DBA SPRINT, to provide wireless communication services and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$210,000.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$52,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budgets of various City departments. Funding for the remaining three months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these services. The Purchasing Office has determined this Contractor best meets the needs of the departments to provide the services required at the best value for the City. The recommended Contractor is the current provider for these services.				
Prior Council Action:					
For More Information:	Jim Howard, Corporate Purchasing Manager, 512-974-2031				
Boards and Commission Action:					
Related Items:					
MBE / WBE:	This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C. Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement				

Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract will continue to provide wireless data network connectivity, wireless phones services, automatic vehicle location, and related services and equipment to various City departments, including the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, the Communications and Technology Management Department and Austin Energy.

Wireless data network connectivity is essential for inspectors, using mobile data devices installed in their vehicles, to wirelessly access permitting and inspection databases, complete their research and inspection work, and provide copies of reports to customers while still in the field. Wireless data network connectivity provides services for wireless metering (using wireless-equipped modems) as well as enables the utilities to route service orders directly to their field crews via mobile data devices. Wireless data network connectivity allows employees to remotely access informational databases and transmit/report information used in departmental activities such as noise monitoring, geographic information systems (GIS) surveys, workforce scheduling, service order routing, in-field report filing, inventory and asset management, facilities management, construction management, security and public safety communications, and information technology support.

The City has a current total of approximately 395 phones with wireless voice only service, 20 which are for emergency use only, and 105 phones with data and voice service. This contract is replacing an existing contract that expires on December 31, 2016. The new authorization amount reflects the actual spend of \$69,149 for the last fiscal year.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program. Continuation of this contract is critical to support quality ongoing service to citizens of Austin and meet essential infrastructure needs.

NEXTEL OF TEXAS, INC. dba SPRINT				
	# months	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Original Term	12	\$ 70,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	12	\$ 70,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	12	\$ 70,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	36	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ -