



**Recommendation for  
Water & Wastewater Commission**

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| <b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>   | May 10, 2017   |
| <b>Council Meeting Date:</b>  | June 8, 2017   |
| <b>Department:</b>  | Purchasing   |
| <b>SUBJECT</b>  |  |
| <p>Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract through the State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative purchasing program with <b>TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT – ADVANCED NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP (DBA TIME WARNER CABLE)</b>, to provide broadband internet services, in an estimated amount of \$210,100, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$210,100 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,050,500. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water’s requested authorization is \$145,726.</p> |  |
| <b>AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>   |  |
| <p>Funding in the amount of \$7,286 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period and extension options are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>   |  |
| <b>Purchasing Language:</b>   | Multiple vendors were reviewed within this cooperative purchase program 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.           |
| <b>Prior Council Action:</b>  | N/A  |
| <b>For More Information:</b>  | Elisa Folco, 512-974-1421; Chris Stewart, 512-972-0446   |
| <b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>  | May 10, 2017- To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.   |
| <b>MBE/WBE:</b>   | 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 services required for this solicitation, there were insufficient number of certified M/WBEs; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established. |

The contract is for broadband internet services for small, remote City department offices to access the City Enterprise Network Services. These offices are located in areas where the City of Austin Telecommunications Network (COATN) does not reach, many of which are located in Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and neighborhood centers.

These services will also be used by Austin Water and the Communications and Technology Management department for direct internet services which provide metro ethernet services for the Greater Austin/Travis Regional Radio System (GATRRS) as well as dedicated internet access for the City's secondary enterprise internet connection.

This contract will replace the current contract with Time Warner Cable that expires on June 30, 2017. The new contract will provide a continuity of broadband internet services based on the same estimated annual service usage.

The State of Texas Department of Information Resources 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.

A delay in approving or failure to approve this contract will result in a loss of internet connectivity to eight remote public safety facilities, more than 25 public access personal computer labs located at several PARD recreation centers, 15 small City remote sites as well as the City's secondary enterprise internet connection.

| <b>TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT - ADVANCED NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP (DBA TIME WARNER CABLE)</b> |                 |                        |                           |                       |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b># months</b> | <b>Contract Amount</b> | <b>Contract Amendment</b> | <b>Revised Amount</b> |
| Original Term  | 12              | \$210,100              | n/a                       | n/a                   |
| Extension Option 1   | 12              | \$210,100              | n/a                       | n/a                   |
| Extension Option 2   | 12              | \$210,100              | n/a                       | n/a                   |
| Extension Option 3   | 12              | \$210,100              | n/a                       | n/a                   |
| Extension Option 4   | 12              | \$210,100              | n/a                       | n/a                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>60</b>       | <b>\$1,050,500</b>     | <b>\$-</b>                | <b>\$-</b>            |