

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 23, 2018

Item Number: **007**

Communications and Technology Management

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Lockhart, Texas, for installation, programming, maintenance, and repair of Lockhart's wireless communications equipment.

<p>Fiscal Note</p>	<p>Procurements under this interlocal agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate departmental budgets. Fees for service are to be paid to the City of Austin by City of Lockhart on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$5,000 annually.</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION: Inquiries should be directed to Robert Turner, Interim Wireless Manager; 512-972-3209 or robert.turner@austintexas.gov</p>
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Additional Backup Information:

City of Austin acts as program manager for the Greater Austin-Travis County Regional Radio System (“GATRRS”), which provides voice radio communications for most public safety agencies (police, sheriff, fire, emergency medical services) in the Austin-Travis County region.

In that capacity, the City, through the Wireless Communication Services Division of Communications and Technology Management, runs a full-service radio shop that provides installation, maintenance, and repair services to all City of Austin 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, CTM-Wireless recovers its costs for

these services by invoicing the departments it serves. The City has agreements in place with several municipal governmental entities and political subdivisions, all of which utilize the GATRRS for voice radio communications, for vehicle equipment installation, configuration, and maintenance services. Because these entities utilize public safety systems maintained by CTM-Wireless it makes sense that the equipment they use to access these systems should also be maintained by CTM-Wireless. By providing these services, CTM-Wireless is able to maintain a high level of standardization and quality control for all agencies that use the GATRRS, thereby improving overall system performance and reliability as well as customer satisfaction.

The proposed interlocal agreement with City of Lockhart will provide this outside agency the same level of access and service already being delivered to small-city police and fire departments throughout Travis County. City of Lockhart will pay the City of Austin for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule; currently \$73.00 per hour.