



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1062, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

2/7/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with UNICOM Government Inc., for an ATXN control room at the Central Library, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities, therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Communications and Public Information Office.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Cable Access Fund Budget of the Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Department.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide for the design and equipment for a remote mini-video production control room. The control room will be used to produce and video tape live and/or recorded events from the multipurpose event space and the kitchen demo area in the Central Library. Connectivity to the roof and West Patio will be integrated into the project as well.

This project will create the ability to televise live events from the Central Library. The event space has already hosted numerous events that have required live television coverage, such as the 2019 Budget Town Hall and a Community Conversation on McKalla Place. The installation of permanent equipment will make it more efficient to televise future events from this facility with higher quality and reliability.

The scope of the project includes the purchase of a switcher, robotic cameras, headset communications,

recording devices, and connectivity to ATXN's City Hall control room. An additional ingest server and design changes to City Hall will allow remote control cameras and recording/distribution of signals to television/web/social media. The integration of these capabilities is the precursors to a project to connect additional existing video control rooms of City Hall. Additionally, this project will integrate video production capabilities to the library's existing audio visual system and enhance the current system with increased capacity for audio sources and a press box.

The U.S. Communities 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.