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**Communications and Technology Management**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Subject:** Approve the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Area Planning Council of Governments (CAPCOG) for a 10 year sub-lease of a 4200 square foot facility located at 6800 Burleson Road, Building 310, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$71,400 per year for a total lease amount not to exceed \$714,000. This facility will be used for the 9-1-1 Backup Center.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is contingent upon the annual approved budget beginning in Fiscal Year 2007.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material  
(click to open)  
No Attachments Available

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The City of Austin and Travis County provide regional multi-governmental public safety services to the citizens of central Texas at The Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communication Center (CTECC). CTECC began operations in the fall of 2003 as a "mission critical" 24/7/365 communication center. A need has been identified for a back-up center in the event that critical communication functions have been interrupted. This back-up center, which would serve to mitigate risk, would address only a limited portion of operations.

The City is locating and implementing the communications back-up center in the CAPCOG facility to provide basic service for Public Safety 9-1-1 services. Participating entities are the:

- Austin Police Department (APD),
- Austin Fire Department (AFD),
- Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and
- Travis County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff)

In the event that 9-1-1 call taking and dispatching operations must evacuate from CTECC, minimal operations will continue in the back-up facility. Although not all of the functionality currently in use at CTECC will be operational at the back-up PSAP, sufficient systems will be in place to handle 9-1-1 calls and dispatch emergency staff. The initial systems to be installed are:

- Plant, 9-1-1 phone
- Radio System
- Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)