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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 33

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Interlocal Agreements with various governmental entities within Texas to enable other cities and agencies to purchase radios and related equipment, parts, supplies and services utilizing the City's 911 RDMT radio project (Regional Radio System) contract pricing from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc.

Additional Backup Material
(click to open)
No Attachments Available

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Purchasing Language: Interlocal agreement (Related to item # 34)

This action will authorize the City Manager to enter into interlocal agreements with district, municipal, county, and state entities within the State of Texas to allow those entities to purchase radios and related equipment and services utilizing the City's existing contract pricing from Motorola. Specific interlocal agreements will be negotiated and executed for each participating entity.

The City of Austin and members of the Regional Radio System have provided leadership for a multi-jurisdictional APCO Project 25 (P25) interoperable communications system. Some of the City of Austin's neighboring jurisdictions have incompatible radio systems. There is a need and a desire for direct inter-operability during day-to-day government inter-operations, mutual aid critical incidents and/or emergencies. Interlocal agreements with district, municipal, county, and state entities will help build a statewide integrated digital radio communication network, leveraging the existing investment in the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System.

These agreements will be entered into under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code. The City of Austin utilizes Interlocal contracts and cooperative purchasing agreements with other cities, counties and agencies. This action allows us to take the lead on this project and provide assistance to others. Other jurisdictions will have direct access to our contract.