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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	53170	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	1/28/2016	Department:	Communications and Technology Mgmt
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Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Jonestown for the installation, maintenance, and repair of Jonestown’s wireless communications equipment for a 12-month term for an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,000 payable to the City and with annual automatic renewal terms in the same estimated amount per renewal.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fees for service are to be paid to the City of Austin by City of Jonestown on a monthly basis. The estimated revenue for these services is \$5,000 annually.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

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 CTM, 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, it makes sense that the equipment they use to access these systems should also be maintained by CTM. 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. CTM-Wireless bills all outside agencies at the same rates charged for internal services to City of Austin departments.

The proposed Agreement with City of Jonestown 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 Jonestown will pay the City for services in accordance with a mutually agreed upon fee schedule. This agreement shall renew annually for an indefinite period at the mutual agreement of the parties.