

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 010

Communications and Technology Management

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Greater Austin Area Telecommunications Network for space to build and operate a network operations and control center within the Austin Convention Center facility.

Lead Department	Communications and Technology Management
Fiscal Note	There is no fiscal impact.
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Additional Backup Information:

The Greater Austin Area Telecommunication Network (GAATN) provides data, voice, and video services to the City of Austin, Travis County, the State of Texas (represented by the Department of Information Resources), the University of Texas, Austin Community College, Austin Independent School District (AISD), and the Lower Colorado River Authority. The City of Austin Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM) has provided network and management services for GAATN since a Service Level Agreement was signed in November 2000.

As a result of the existence of the GAATN Agency, the City of Austin and other agency members realize considerable savings in intra-city network communications. As of 2017, the seven public entities of GAATN share an annual combined net savings amount of \$29,542,061 and of that, the City of Austin

annual net savings amount is \$6,588,921.

The NOCC operated by GAATN at the AISD Treaty Oak facility will soon be decommissioned, and GAATN requires a resilient, secure facility located along one of its core pathways. GAATN fiber optic cabling currently passes through the Convention Center and a NOCC has been anticipated in that location for several years.

The GAATN Agency will fund construction of the NOCC and emergency generator within the Convention Center at a cost to the agency expected to be over \$1 million. This project will not require additional funds from the City. The agreement will set the terms of license of the City property and provide a more resilient level of service from GAATN.