



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2056, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

6/16/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Verizon Business Network Service Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business for multi-label switching services, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Communication and Technology Management.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$25,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Communications and Technology Management. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The contract provides wireless connectivity to the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services mobile data computers out in the field in support of Austin citizens who call 9-1-1 for emergency services. This contract is for maintenance and support services for the Multiprotocol Packet Label Switching infrastructure. Continuation of these dedicated circuits provides reliable and secure transmission of City critical and sensitive data used by the public safety agencies ensuring connectivity between the Combine Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center, and the back-up center.

Verizon Business Network Service Inc. (Verizon) is the sole provider of Verizon Multiprotocol Packet Label Switching infrastructure which is required to connect Verizon 4G enabled mobile data computers to the public safety network. Verizon does not allow other service providers to provide Multiprotocol Packet Label Switching infrastructure into Verizon Wireless Network Operations Centers.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.