

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 04CITY OF IRVING COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AGREEMENT BACKUP SRVCS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Communications System Agreement with the City of Irving to Provide Backup Services for Each City's Two-Way Public Safety Radio Systems

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a communications system agreement with the City of Irving to provide backup services for each city's two-way public safety radio systems.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth) has established a public safety radio communications system that provides primary and mutual aid communications to more than 150 agencies in North Central Texas. A key component of the system is a group of core computing systems that control the functions and performance of the radio system infrastructure, such as the radio transmitter sites scattered throughout the region.

The City of Irving (Irving) also maintains its own discrete group of core computing systems to support coverage in its area.

Fort Worth and Irving both maintain backup core computing systems in the event their respective primary core computing systems fail. This agreement provides an in-kind match for each to provide floorspace in a data center for the other's backup system at no cost to either city.

This arrangement also enables the systems to connect to each other. This effectively consolidates the two systems into a single system for mutual aid and interoperable communications.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: City of Irving

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on city funds.

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