

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/16/25 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0826

LOG NAME: 04IT SOLUTIONS CITYWIDE MOBILITY SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of Non-Exclusive Purchase Agreements with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and AT&T Corporation for Voice and Data Wireless Services and Hardware Using the State of Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contracts in an Annual Amount of \$4,500,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize non-exclusive purchase agreements with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and AT&T Corporation for broadband access services and hardware using State of Texas Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contracts in an annual amount of \$4,500,000.00 with a 5% annual increase.

DISCUSSION:

The City currently utilizes over 9,000 lines which include cell phones, mobile wi-fi (MiFi), data cards, and other wireless types for communication connectivity. These services provide staff with mobility, improving efficiencies, productivity, public safety and customer service. The current addition of Emergency Medical System Services to the Fort Worth Fire Department has increased the number of devices and annual spend with AT&T by approximately \$175,000.00 this year. The amount will increase over the next couple years by \$35,000.00 annually when we add cellular service to iPads used in EMS vehicles. Spend authority authorized by this Mayor and Council Communication, (M&C), will allow for a 5% annual increase as mobility services have become higher in demand and the City has seen an increase in wireless use.

M&C 20-0655 was approved on September 15, 2020, and authorized a shared annual authority of \$4,020,000.00 with 5% growth from current spending; and ratified expenditures of \$1,761,779.26 incurred by the Information Technology Department, (IT Solutions), on behalf of City departments, replacing M&C P-11929 and P-11960.

M&C P-11929 was approved on September 13, 2016, and authorized an annual authority of \$600,000.00 with Verizon Wireless Services, LLC (Verizon Wireless) through Department of Information Resources (DIR)-TSO-3415, for wireless broadband access and hardware.

M&C P-11960 was approved on October 25, 2016, and authorized an annual authority of \$1,500,000.00 with AT&T Mobility National Account LLC for voice and wireless services and hardware through DIR-TSO-3420.

Previous M&C's include P-11642 approved on April 22, 2014; M&C P-11449 approved on October 23, 2012; M&C P-11370 approved on April 3, 2012 for AT&T Mobility National Accounts, LLC. M&C P-11448 approved on October 23, 2012; M&C P-11327 approved on December 6, 2011; M&C P-11066 approved on December 15, 2009; M&C P-10327 approved on February 21, 2006, for Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless.

The vendors and associated cooperative contracts are as follows:

VENDOR	COOPERATIVE CONTRACT	EXPIRATION DATE
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless	DIR-TELE-CTSA-003	11/05/2029
AT&T Corporation	DIR-TELE-CTSA-002	11/05/2029

COOPERATIVE PURCHASE - State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchase agreement satisfies State laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the item. Cooperative contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of local government entities across the State of Texas.

SUCCESSOR CONTRACTS - The City will initially use DIR contracts to make purchases authorized by this M&C. In the event the DIR cooperative contract is not renewed, staff would cease purchasing at the end of the last purchase agreement coinciding with a valid cooperative contract. If the City Council were to not appropriate funds for future years, staff would stop making purchases when the last appropriation expires, regardless of whether the then-current purchase agreement has expired.

If the DIR cooperative is extended, this M&C authorizes the City to purchase similar equipment and services under the extended contract. In the event the DIR cooperative agreement is not extended, but DIR executes a new cooperative agreement(s) with substantially similar terms, this M&C

authorizes the City to purchase the equipment and services under the new DIR contract(s).

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER - An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM - Upon City Council's approval, these agreements will commence upon execution and continue in accordance with the terms and conditions of the respective cooperative contracts or applicable successive contracts for the same services.

RENEWAL OPTIONS - These agreements may be renewed per the conditions established in the contract between the DIR and the individual vendor. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligation during the renewal term.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the participating departments' Operating Funds to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the agreements. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the participating departments have the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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