



Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the award for Cooperative Procurement, 18-166, Mobile Broadband Data Services, to Verizon Wireless for an amount not to exceed \$117,500 and for a one-year term

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

SUBMITTED BY: Jeff Anderson, Director

BOARD/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Mobile broadband data services are the wireless data connections used in City laptop computers to transmit and receive computer-aided dispatch and automatic vehicle location (AVL) information. Although primarily used by Fire and Police Department staff, mobile broadband data services are also used for enabling mobile access to software applications for the Department of Public Works, Transportation, Engineering and Development Business Group, Water Utilities and Electric Utility.

Over the past ten years, the City has received excellent service for its mobile units using the Verizon network. City staff has worked directly with Verizon during this time to ensure that the mobile coverage is reliable throughout all parts of the City and to address any concerns. Additionally, Information Technology (IT) works with Verizon and the individual departments to monitor monthly data usage and make changes to plans and recommend line terminations on accounts based on little or no usage.

DISCUSSION:

Verizon Wireless has State of Illinois Joint Purchase Contract, #CMS793372P which the City has used previously. IT will continue to work with Verizon to evaluate new pricing plans and monitor the City's account activity for the purpose of reducing costs. Partnering with Verizon to monitor usage and data plans on the individual devices, staff has reduced the annual award amounts from \$130,000 in 2016, to \$120,000 in 2017 and to \$117,500 in 2018.

The term of this contract is one year from October 4, 2018 through October 3, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CIP#: N/A

Mobile Broadband Data Services are expensed to the telephone account below. A total of \$120,000 has been budgeted for mobile data charges in 2018. The requested award of \$117,500 is within the

budgeted amount for this expense.

| Account Number | Fund Description | Total Budget Amount |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 16101100-542415 | General Fund | \$737,000 |