



PURCHASING ITEM FOR COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Agenda Item Number: 40

2. Council Meeting Date: August 13, 2015

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: July 20, 2105

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Police

5. SUBJECT: Purchase of mobile communication services

6. RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve the utilization of State of Arizona/Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract #ADSP013-034099, with Verizon Wireless, for the purchase of mobile communication services for FY 2015-16, in the amount of \$127,254.00.

7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Mobile Data Center is the centerpiece of all communication infrastructure police officers use in the field to perform their daily functions. These units are located in all police vehicles and must stay in contact with the central dispatch center via industry standard encrypted wireless communication technologies. The importance of these units properly working and communicating is critical enough that a failed MDC, in most cases, means the vehicle is pulled from service because of the significant threat to officer safety.

The communication between the mobile units and the station provide the officer in the field with capabilities for:

- Computer-aided dispatch features.
• Communication with dispatchers, emergency calltakers, and supervisors.
• Access to many law enforcement information systems.
• Ability to write reports and input RMS data.
• Access to City GIS information and maps.
• Automatic vehicle location systems for emergency response.
• Emergency notification systems for officer in trouble/backup assistance situations.

8. EVALUATION PROCESS: The Arizona State Procurement Office adopted the WSCA contract through the signing of an addendum, thus making it a cooperative contract for statewide public entities to utilize. Staff recommends cooperative use of this contract because it has been determined that Verizon Wireless provides the best wireless service for the critical communication needs of the Police Department.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Mobile communications funds are available in 101-2065-5412 (General Fund - Police Technology - Communication Equipment Repair and Maintenance.).

10. PROPOSED MOTION: Move City Council approve the utilization of State of Arizona/Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract #ADSP013-034099, with Verizon Wireless, for the purchase of mobile communication services for FY 2015-16, in the amount of \$127,254.00.

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