



**PURCHASING ITEM
FOR
COUNCIL AGENDA**

1. Agenda Item Number:

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2. Council Meeting Date:

June 12, 2008

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

3. Date Prepared: May 27, 2008

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER

4. Requesting Department: Management Services

5. SUBJECT: Approve purchase of mobile communication equipment and airtime from Verizon Wireless, Alltel and Sprint/Nextel utilizing the State of Arizona and Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract (EPS070070) and State of Arizona contract (EPS060000) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000

6. RECOMMENDATION: Request approval to purchase mobile communication equipment and airtime from Verizon Wireless, Alltel and Sprint/Nextel utilizing the State of Arizona and Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract (EPS070070) and State of Arizona contract (EPS060000) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000

7. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: Most departments are using mobile communication equipment i.e. cell phones, blackberries, push to talk (ptt) and airtime services. The City has approximately 619 devices (cellular phones, ptt's and blackberries) under service with Verizon Wireless, Alltel and Sprint/Nextel. Budget estimates vary due to user requirements in the field and the airtime plan selected by the operating department.

8. EVALUATION PROCESS: The Arizona State Procurement Office adopted the WSCA contract for their use through the signing of an addendum, thus making it a cooperative contract for other public entities statewide to utilize services with Verizon Wireless, and Sprint/Nextel. The State of Arizona also adopted the Maricopa contract with Alltel making it a cooperative contract for other public entities to utilize. Several plans are available and departments select a plan depending on their estimated, most economical usage. A purchase order will be used as the contract to purchase these services. Council has approved the form of the purchase order as well as an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Arizona.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Funds for mobile communication equipment and airtime will come from various departments' communication telephone service accounts.

10. PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the purchase of mobile communication equipment and airtime from Verizon Wireless, Alltel and Sprint/Nextel utilizing the State of Arizona and Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract (EPS070070) and State of Arizona contract (EPS060000) in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

APPROVALS

11. Requesting Department

Robert Combs, CPPB, Purchasing Manager

12. Department Head

Dennis Strachota, Management Svcs. Director

13. Procurement Officer

Glenda Shackelford, CPPB

14. City Manager

W. Mark Pentz