

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor via City Secretary

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Approve an Ordinance authorizing a First Amendment to the Contract with GTE Mobilnet of South Texas Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Wireless Communications Equipment and Services for Houston Information Technology Services (HITS).

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Agenda Item

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Origination Date
April 25, 2016

Agenda Date

DIRECTORS SIGNATURE



Council District(s) affected
All

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Date and Identification of prior authorizing Council Action:
2015-1519; 2/25/2015

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary)

Approve an amending ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and GTE Mobilnet of South Texas Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for wireless communications equipment and services for Houston Information Technology Services (HITS).

Award Amount : N/A

Finance Budget

Funding:
N/A

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Interim Chief Information Officer recommends that City Council approve an amending ordinance authorizing a first amendment to the contract between the City of Houston and GTE Mobilnet of South Texas Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to provide additional services, equipment and maintenance for in-building coverage in connection with the existing wireless communications equipment and services.

The contract was awarded on February 25, 2015 by Ordinance 2015-1519 for a three year contract with two one-year options in an amount not to exceed \$26,666,666.00. Expenditures as of April 25, 2016 totaled \$ 5,585,322.88.

As part of the agreement, the vendor pledged \$1,000,000.00 to address coverage deficiencies in several key City buildings. This addendum provides the license for the installation, maintenance, and operation of in-building coverage equipment for use with the wireless service pursuant to the original agreement. It established the parameters each party will operate within to reach agreement on individual Statements of Work (SOW) for each location.

Hire Houston First (HHF):

Verizon Wireless does not meet the requirement of Hire Houston First; no firms were within three percent of the proposed contract fee.

MWBE Subcontracting:

The original contract was issued with a MWBE goal of 19%. The contractor has achieved a participation level of 56.64%. The Mayor's Office of Business Opportunity will continue to monitor this contract to ensure MWBE participation.

Pay or Play:

The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's "Pay or Play ordinance" regarding health benefits for employees of City contractors. In this case the contractor provides health benefits to eligible employees in compliance with the City policy.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

Finance Department:

Other Authorization:

Other Authorization: