



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 24, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Cyd Grimes

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

Agenda Language: Approve contract award for Local and Long Distance Telecommunication, Voice and Data Services, RFP No. 02152013-JH to TW Telecom Holdings Inc.

- **Purchasing Recommendation and Comments:** Purchasing concurs and recommends approval of requested action. This procurement action meets the compliance requirements as outlined by the statutes.

RFP No. 02152013-JH for local and long distance telecommunication voice & data service was issued on Bidsync. Two proposals were received on April 1, 2013. Time Warner Business Class did not provide requirements to meet our technical, hardware capabilities and service specifications. The response from TW Telecom meets or exceeds all technical, hardware capabilities and service specification requirements. Therefore, it is the recommendation of ITS to award a contract to TW Telecom as its proposal met all county requirements.

The Purchasing Agent is requesting Court approval today, as the current contract expires at the end of September. The new contract is currently being prepared and should be ready by Tuesday or end of next week.

- **Contract-Related Information:**

Award Amount: \$851,723.00

Contract Type: Annual Contract

Contract Period: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

➤ **Solicitation-Related Information:**

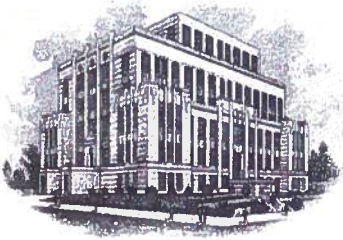
Solicitations Sent: YES- RFP Responses Received: 2
HUB Information: % HUB Subcontractor:

➤ **Special Contract Considerations:**

- Award has been protested; interested parties have been notified.
- Award is not to the lowest bidder; interested parties have been notified.
- Comments:

➤ **Funding Information:**

- SAP Shopping Cart #:
- Funding Account(s): 1120040001 511740
- Comments:



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DATE: August 20, 2013
TO: Cyd V. Grimes, C.P.M. – Travis County Purchasing Agent
FROM: Walter LaGrone, Information Technology Director
VIA: Tanya Acevedo, Interim Chief Information Officer
SUBJ: Recommendation for awarding RFP No. 02152013-JH Local and Long Distance Telecommunication Voice and Data Service to TW Telecommunication

Proposed Motion:

Approve recommendation for awarding RFP No. 02152013-JH Local and Long Distance Telecommunication Voice and Data Service to TW Telecommunication.

Summary and Staff Analysis:

For the past five years, TW Telecommunication has been the Travis County provider for Local and Long Distance Voice and Data Services. The contract provides Travis County with the path to Telecommunication required services. The contract expires on September 30, 2013. This fiscal year, an RFP process was begun, and during that process two vendors submitted proposals, TW Telecommunication, and Time Warner Business Class.

ITS is recommending that TW Telecommunication, as the best value proposer, be awarded RFP No. 02152013-JH, which is a first-year guarantee contract with four option years that may be awarded subsequently. TW Telecommunication has been a reliable partner with both ITS and Travis County and we are confident that that relationship will continue.

Budgetary and Fiscal Impact:

The funding for this contract is included in the below listed line item account:

Trunk Lines \$851,723.00 1120040001 511740

Issues and Opportunities:

Where Travis County GAATN has not been deployed, and where Google fiber will not be available, Travis County will need to work with TW to increase bandwidth to those sites that they will be able to continue to use innovative technology to deliver services to the citizen of Travis County.

Required Authorizations:

LEGAL: Barbara Wilson, County Attorney's Office
PURCHASING: Bonnie Floyd, Jesse Herrera, Purchasing Office
BUDGET: Katie Gipson, Planning and Budget Office

CC: Leslie Browder, County Executive for Planning and Budget
Tanya Acevedo, Rod Brown, Sally Green, Randy Lott, Bruni Cruz, ITS