



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 7, 2015

**TITLE:** City-wide Purchase of Communication Services – State of Florida  
Department of Management Services - \$77,000

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of communication services from the State of Florida, Department of Management Services (DMS) in an amount not to exceed \$77,000.

**Background**

Throughout the year, the Information Technology Services Department (ITS) oversees the installation, upgrade, repair and removal of various communications services at various City facilities. The City obtains long distance, network and internet communications services via the SUNCOM Network, which was created through the Florida State Legislature to provide cost effective service for state, municipal and other governmental agencies. The City Commission approved the purchase of SUNCOM Network services on June 17, 1997.

The State regularly seeks open competitive bidding for these services and because over 1,400 state and local government agencies are involved, the volume discounts allow us to obtain these services for significantly less than if we were to issue our own competitive bid request. The City of Fort Lauderdale qualifies for use of the SUNCOM under Section 282.704, Florida Statutes.

Long distance services are used by all departments on a daily basis in order to conduct City business with companies nationwide.

Internet lines are used to provide neighbors, businesses and visitors access to information easily and expeditiously as well as provide an efficient means to conduct business with the City. They are also used to accommodate the City's internet enabled and cloud based solutions, such as remote access to mobile and public safety staff, human resources application processing, legislative meetings and video preparation, various software applications, and the customer support call center.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$77,000.

Funds available as of March 12, 2015					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (PROGRAM)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
581-ITS110101-3628	Unified Communications Services	Services & Materials/ Telephone/Cable TV	\$978,321	\$451,581	\$77,000
				<b>PURCHASE TOTAL ►</b>	<b>\$ 77,000</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 11: Be a well-trained, innovative, and neighbor-centric workforce that builds community.
- Objective 4: Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are United*.

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