



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-0253

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 19, 2013

TITLE: Motion to approve the purchase of communications services - \$240,785

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of communications services from the State of Florida Department of Management Services in the estimated annual amount of \$240,785.

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 of Fort Lauderdale obtains long distance, network and Internet communications services from the State of Florida Department of Management Services via the SUNCOM service arrangement (MyFlorida.Net). 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.

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

Network services are used to provide communications lines from various City buildings to the City Hall, Police, Public Works and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) data centers. Remote access to centralized data center applications and services such as email, voicemail, shared files, Parks and Recreation (Rectrac), financial accounting and budget (FAMIS/BPREP) and Procurement (BuySpeed) via these lines. Throughout the year based on requests from various departments, remote locations are removed or added to the City's network. In addition, increased bandwidth (i.e., speed) may be required to accommodate higher staff levels or application bandwidth demands.

The City's Internet lines are used to provide Fort Lauderdale citizens, businesses and visitors access to information easily and expeditiously as well as provide an efficient means to conduct business with the City. On a monthly basis the City collects

approximately \$1.7 Million from Internet transactions, has approximately 379,352 visitors to the City's website and routes approximately 600,000 inbound and outbound emails. During the year, ITS will also be increasing the Internet bandwidth (i.e., speed) to accommodate increased demand for new Internet enabled and cloud based solutions, such as remote access to mobile and Public Safety staff, Community Plus and Parking Systems upgrades.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the estimated amount of \$240,785.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY LOCATION:								
FY	FUND	SUB FUND	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUBJECT #	SUBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
2013	581	01	CENTRAL SERVICES	ITS020102	VOICE/DATA COMMUNICATIONS	3628	TELEPHONE/CABLE TV	\$ 240,785.00
							TOTAL	\$ 240,785.00

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