

Legislation Text

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Wireless Communications Services and Related Products

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of wireless communications services and related products from federal contracts as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9a) and from state contracts as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(9),**
- B. Approve the purchase of wireless services and related products through the listed federal and state contracts:**
AT&T Mobility (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0297K),
AT&T Wireless (State ITS Contract 915A),
AT&T Government Solutions (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-129GA),
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0119P),
Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (State ITS Contract 915A),
Sprint Communications Company (GSA Contract No. 47QTCA18D00K0),
Sprint Solutions, Inc. (State ITS Contract 915A),
T-Mobile USA Inc. (GSA Contract No. GS-35F-0503M), and
T-Mobile USA Inc. (State ITS Contract 915A), and
- C. Authorize the City Manager to extend the use of the contracts for as long as the contracts are in effect, at prices and terms that are the same or more favorable than those offered under the contracts.**

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Federal Contract Exception:

G.S. 143-129(e)(9a) allows local governments to purchase from contracts established by the United States government, including any federal agency, if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those established under the federal contract.

State Contract Exception:

G.S. 143-129(e)(9) allows local governments to purchase from state contracts if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms, and conditions as those established under the state contract.

Explanation

- I&T is responsible for consolidated management of the city's purchases of wireless services.
 - The services include traditional cellular voice services as well as data services for an array of applications including vehicle-based public safety communications.
 - Varying service availability and capacity throughout the Charlotte area requires the city to maintain contracts with multiple providers.
- The city has an ongoing need to purchase equipment to utilize the services. This equipment includes handsets, wireless-equipped portable devices, and vehicle-mounted data routers.

- Aggregate annual expenditures are estimated to be \$4,532,000.

Charlotte Business INclusion

These are federal and state contracts and are exempt (Part A, Appendix 1, Section 27 of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

Fiscal Note

Funding: Various Department Operating Budgets