



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** November 14, 2022
SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Granite Telecommunications, LLC., using OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract No. R200901, to provide voice and data connectivity services in the amount not to exceed \$120,000 annually.

PRESENTER: Eric Von Schimmelmann, Director Information Technology

SUMMARY:

This item authorizes the expenditure to provide voice and data services for the City of North Richland Hills and data connectivity to the partner cities for which the City of North Richland Hills provides services through the Public Safety interlocal consortium. This agreement will be for a term of one year through September 30, 2023, with two (2), one-year options to renew through September 30, 2025.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Our current contract that provided voice and data services has expired. After research we found that partnering with Granite Telecommunications, LLC. to provide these services would best fit North Richland Hills' needs. They will provide multiple internet connections to the city as well as a backup connection through a secondary internet provider. This enhances our network by providing network redundancy and greater resilience against outages.

Funds are currently available in the IT annual budget and no additional funding is required. These services are needed to complete the hardware purchase of the ARPA IT2202 for the Backup Fiber for City Hall with internet redundancy project.

Granite Telecommunications, LLC. participates in the OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing program (Contract # R200901). By participating in the OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing program, the city meets all state competitive bidding requirements for this purchase.

As long as funds are appropriated in the city's annual budget each year, North Richland Hills would be able to take advantage of the available pricing for the current renewal through September 30, 2023 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms through September 30, 2025, provided the terms and conditions of the contract do not change. As long as the terms and conditions of the contract do not change, the remaining renewals will not require additional City Council approval.



RECOMMENDATION:

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