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SUBJECT: RFO NO. 2016-148 - VERIZON WIRELESS VOICE AND DATA SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT - #DIR-TSO-3415 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - VERIZON WIRELESS - PER TERMS OF DIR CONTRACT

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve contract extension of RFO No. 2016-148, Verizon Wireless Voice and Data Services and Equipment, for Information Technology, utilizing the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract #DIR-TSO-3415.

BACKGROUND:

On August 9, 2016, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #123208, approved RFO No. 2016-148, Verizon Wireless Voice and Data Services and Equipment, to Verizon Wireless.

Verizon Wireless, through State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract #DIR-TSO-3415, offers wireless voice and data services and equipment. Tarrant County Information Technology utilizes these services to provide cellular telephone and handheld wireless voice and data services for County departments as well as to provide wireless connectivity on County laptops, iPads, etc.

DIR's cooperative contracts program is open for state and local government in accordance with Government Code Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 2054, Subchapter A, Section 2054.0565, Use of Contracts by Other Entities, "(a) The department may include terms in a procurement contract entered into by the department, including a contract entered into under Section 2157.068, that allow the contract to be used by another state agency, a political subdivision of this state, a governmental entity of another state, or an assistance organization as defined by Section 2175.001. (b) A political subdivision that purchases an item or service using a contract under this section satisfies any other law requiring the political subdivision to seek competitive bids for that item or service"

The term of DIR Contract #DIR-TSO-3415 has been extended through April 27, 2021, or until terminated sooner pursuant to the termination clauses contained in the contract. Additionally, the parties by mutual agreement may extend the term for up to one hundred eighty (180) additional calendar days to ensure business continuity and transfer of service to a successor contract.

SUBMITTED BY: Purchasing

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APPROVED BY:



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Information Technology notified Purchasing in writing that they are pleased with Verizon Wireless and want to extend the contract.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Information Technology and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court approve extension of RFO No. 2016-148, Verizon Wireless Voice and Data Services and Equipment, through April 27, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenses for last year were approximately \$84,850.00. Services are provided on an as-needed basis.