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**SUBJECT: RFP NO. 2022-168 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURED CABLING MATERIALS AND SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - ABLE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - EXERCISE FIRST OPTION FOR RENEWAL - SAME CONTRACT TERMS**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of RFP No. 2022-168, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, with ABLe Communications, Inc., for the first optional twelve (12) month period at the same contract terms.

**BACKGROUND**

On August 30, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138971, awarded RFP No. 2022-168, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, for Information Technology, to ABLe Communications, Inc.

The award was based upon the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP specifications and contained options to renew for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods.

This contract is used to purchase data communications cabling and equipment throughout County buildings. All orders on this contract are initiated via Information Technology service requests or facility project requirements. These orders are primarily for one-time projects; however, the contract is also used for simple moves, additions, and changes within a County department for office relocations and redesign work.

The materials and equipment purchased under this contract include copper and fiber optic cabling, as well as communications storage and mounting equipment such as racks and network panels. All work is coordinated and scoped by Information Technology with review and acceptance of work prior to work beginning. All County buildings as well as any leased space obtained by the County is within the scope of this contract.

The vendor notified Purchasing in writing that they will extend the same contract terms through October 13, 2024. Information Technology notified Purchasing in writing that they are pleased with the vendor and want to renew.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Information Technology and Purchasing that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of RFP No. 2022-168, Annual Contract for Structured Cabling Materials and Services, for another twelve (12) month period.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Brad Richards Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Expenses for last year were approximately \$304,686.59. The County's future cost will be determined by services provided on an as-needed basis. The department has included funding in the FY 2024 budget request.