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SUBJECT: **RFP NO. 2016-120 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR METROPOLITAN
ETHERNET SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - AT&T
CORPORATION**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award RFP No. 2016-120, Annual Contract for Metropolitan Ethernet Services, for Information Technology, to AT&T Corporation and approve contracts.

BACKGROUND:

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Five hundred fifty-three (553) firms were contacted and requested to participate in the RFP process. All documents pertaining to this RFP were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested parties. A pre-proposal conference held April 28, 2016 was attended by six (6) firms and representatives from Information Technology and Purchasing. Four (4) proposals were received.

Proposals were evaluated by Information Technology and Purchasing representatives. Evaluations were based upon the criteria and processes set forth in the RFP specifications. The two (2) top scoring firms were invited to provide an oral presentation to the committee on June 27, 2016. The committee re-scored those firms based on the criteria and processes set forth in the RFP specifications. The two (2) firms were then asked to prepare a Best and Final Offer. Pricing was re-scored after the Best and Final Offer. AT&T Corporation received the highest total score. Tarrant County then held a contract negotiation meeting with AT&T Corporation on August 10, 2016 and an engineering meeting on August 16, 2016. The proposal received from AT&T Corporation meets all specifications and is acceptable to Information Technology.

The RFP included Optional Managed Internet Services for the Plaza Building Data Center and the CyrusOne Co-location Facility, which Information Technology would like to utilize. The price for the Managed Internet Services for both locations combined is \$5,060.00 per month.

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Gwen Peterson, C.P.M., A.P.P.
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The term of the contracts is sixty (60) months, effective December 13, 2016 or the date services are available from AT&T Corporation.

The contracts are attached for approval and signature. The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed the contracts as to form.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of Information Technology and Purchasing that RFP No. 2016-120, Annual Contract for Metropolitan Ethernet Services, be awarded to AT&T Corporation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for Metropolitan Ethernet Services in the amount of \$239,452.92 (\$26,605.88 per month for nine (9) months) is available in the following accounts:

\$222,969.42 = 531074/10000-2017/1810201000

\$ 16,483.50 = 531074/10000-2017/1810500000

Funding for Managed Internet Services in the amount of \$45,540.00 (\$5,060.00 per month for nine (9) months) is available in the following accounts:

\$ 22,770.00 = 531074/10000-2017/1810201000

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Funding for the remaining fifty-one (51) months will be requested in the Information Technology budget for fiscal years 2018-2022.