



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Finance and Administration

Vendor: AT&T, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Telephone Services

Contract Value: \$286,308.00

Contract period: 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2021

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$95,436.00, FY 2020 \$95,436.00 and FY 2021 \$95,436.00

Accounts: Communication Services 51001.520150

Contract Number(s): 74000005327

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into a contract with AT&T, to bundle telephone service into a program offered called Easy Rate. The Easy Rate program is recommended for telephone service primarily used for local calling and with relatively low usage. The new agreement will save the Forest Preserves approximately \$163,180.00 annually. The term of the contract is for three-years.

As background, the Forest Preserves currently uses 241 AT&T phone lines that are of older technology using a voice-grade telephone service employing analog signal transmission over copper lines. This service was installed primarily at remote locations, such as maintenance yards, fueling stations, aquatic centers, and campgrounds, which are not connected to the County-wide telephone system.

The Easy Rate program will be combined with the County's existing Master Discount agreement (MDA) with AT&T to substantially reduce the cost per telephone line. With this new program, line rates will be reduced from an average of \$91.62 per month to \$35.20 per month after the MDA is applied.