

SUMMARY:

Execution of an “Authorization to Order Under the State Agreement” under the current State of California CALNET 3 Agreement contract C3-B-15-03-TS-40 will allow the County utilize ethernet services and products provided by Comcast Business Communications, LLC at reduced prices.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2008, the Board authorized the Director of Information Technology Department (ITD) to execute an Authorization to Order under the prior CALNET 2 agreement for telecommunications services with AT&T through January 2014, permitting the County to benefit from reduced pricing for a comprehensive array of services. In September 2014, the Board again authorized the County’s participation in a revised CALNET 3 Agreement with various vendors, enabling the County to continue to benefit from volume pricing; it also authorized up to two extensions of one year each, with a maximum spending limit of \$1,500,000 per year.

Both the CALNET 2 and CALNET 3 agreements are the result of an extensive competitive bidding process conducted by the State of California; the major telecommunications providers participate and agree to provide a variety of services at a discount and on favorable contract terms. The CALNET 3 agreement continues to provide local jurisdictions such as the County with the option to join and thereby receive the benefit of low cost services.

In 2017, Comcast Business Communications LLC and the State of California entered into CALNET3 Statewide Contract C3-B-15-03-TS-40 for the following services and terms. The State may, at its sole option, elect to extend the Contract term for up to the number of additional periods of one (1) year as indicated below:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Contract Award</u>	<u>Contract End</u>	<u>1 year Opt. Ext.</u>
3 Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) Ethernet	April 12, 2017	June 30, 2018	2
5 Managed Internet Services	April 12, 2017	June 30, 2018	2

The Board’s authorization to execute the recommended “Authorization to Order (ATO) Under State Agreement” for Comcast’s telecommunication services will permit the County to benefit from volume pricing on the ethernet services negotiated by the State of California in the CALNET 3 Agreement. Ethernet is the term used for the cables and wired connections that connect the County’s servers, computers, routers and switches, enabling the County’s local area network to operate efficiently and at high speeds.

Independent of any action by the State, the County may cancel the ATO for specific service(s) or in total, prior to termination or expiration of CALNET 3 Agreement, by providing the Contractor with thirty (30) calendar days of written notice of cancellation. Ordering services under this Agreement will allow the County to preserve resources and promote optimization of available funding. It is recommended that the Board approve and authorize the use of this telecommunications procurement vehicle. The Agreement and the incorporated documents are attachments to this Report and are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the CALNET 3 agreement and associated documents and the Authorization to Order form. Although non-standard, the contract terms are relatively protective of the State of California and therefore, by extension, would be protective of County interests.

FINANCING:

The Information Technology Department’s FY 2017-18 adopted budget includes appropriations for this Agreement

(Budget Unit 8436, Appropriations Unit INF002). Appropriations in future fiscal years for this Agreement will be included in each respective ITD recommended budget. Should funding be reduced and/or terminated, the County may terminate this agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such action to Vendor.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The execution of the proposed Authorization to Order furthers the efficient administration of County business by enabling the purchase of services and products that are necessary for the operation of the County's network, at a significant discount. The execution of the proposed Authorization to Order furthers the update and maintenance of the County's technological infrastructure.

Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

- CALNET 3 Agreement: Cover Page
- CALNET 3 Agreement: General Provisions---Telecommunications, 9/24/2012
- CALNET 3 Agreement: Statement of Work, Appendix C, Special Terms and Conditions for Categories 3 and 5
- CALNET 3 Agreement: Amendment No. 1, Category 3, July 21, 2017
- CALNET 3 Agreement: Amendment No. 1, Category 5, July 21, 2017
- CALNET 3, Authorization To Order Form for Comcast Business Communications LLC ethernet and internet services