

Informational Summary

Topic: Cellular Voice & Data Services

Committee Date: February 1, 2010

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Bids have been received for Cellular Voice & Data Services from AT&T Mobility and Verizon Wireless. Evaluation of the bids was based on a weighted scoring rubric with the following criteria being weighted heaviest to least: cost, reliability of network, ease of administration, prior experience with vendor, and overall total cost of ownership. Both vendor's bids were based on the Western States Contracting Alliance's Contract for Wireless Communication & Equipment (WSCA-NV) W4-2001 which does not require government agencies to sign contracts.

Verizon Wireless won the bid with a month to month agreement. Services will start under this agreement on July 1, 2011 based on the requirements of the FCC's eRate program. If Verizon Wireless is not able to deliver services, we will not be bound to the terms of any contract and would be able to change vendors without losing eRate reimbursement.

The district currently has a budget for Communications to support 67 voice and 5 data plans. The administration is currently examining decreasing the number of voice plans. The administration can provide more details on exact numbers by the next committee meeting.