

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-101

AUTHORIZING A RATIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. 2014-054 WITH AT&T CORPORATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$352,627.00, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,695,157.00 (GENERAL FUND, INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority identified the need to continue telecommunications services and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2014-047, the Board of Trustees authorized a contract for Telecommunications Services with AT&T Corporation for a period of five years, in an amount not to exceed \$2,342,530.00; and

WHEREAS, the Authority required additional services in the amount of \$352,627.00, which was beyond the authorized contract amount, in order to continue telecommunications services and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is requesting a contract price ratification of \$352,627.00 for services received under Contract No. 2014-054; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is also requesting a contract extension through February 28, 2023, which will allow the Authority to close out all remaining deliverables under Contract No. 2014-054 by the end of February 2023; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer has deemed these actions to be in the best interest of the Authority, price and all factors considered, and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the amount of \$352,627.00 for services under Contract No. 2014-054, which were beyond the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's change order authority, is hereby ratified.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority be and she is hereby authorized to execute a time extension through February 28, 2023 for Contract No. 2014-054 with AT&T Corporation.

Section 3. This ratification in the amount of \$352,627.00 will be funded through the General Fund, Innovation and Technology Department budget, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,695,157.00.

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon funding for future years, compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda, if any, the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees, bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer's change order authority is reinstated in its entirety.

Section 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: November 15, 2022



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer



TITLE/DESCRIPTION: CONTRACT: RATIFICATION AND TIME EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. 2014-054, TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES VENDOR: AT&T CORPORATION AMOUNT: NTE \$352,627.00 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NTE \$2,695,157.00	Resolution No.: 2022-101
	Date: November 10, 2022
	Initiator: Innovation and Technology
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to ratify and extend Contract No. 2014-054, Telecommunications Services, with AT&T Corporation.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority maintains a substantial voice and data network that connects various Authority facilities and systems and allows customers to access the Authority’s public-facing services, such as the RTAanswerline and the riderta.com website. The network is comprised of private infrastructure and supplemented by leased telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, analog telephone service, local and long-distance service, off-premise extensions for emergency call boxes, direct inward-dial service, point-to-point data circuits, internet service, and metro-ethernet.

The ratification of \$352,627.00 is for various telecommunications services already performed. These services included critical network and voice connectivity between RTA facilities, as well as Internet access and public-facing services. Each of these services had unique term commitments commencing at their respective installation dates. As a result, individual services were not co-terminus. Over the course of the agreement, many individual services had to be extended to maintain critical network and voice connectivity, which allowed the Authority to maintain daily operations.

The time extension will extend the current contract term through February 28, 2023. The contract extension is necessary to prevent service interruptions while transitioning the remaining services to Contract No. 2021-152, AT&T Switched Ethernet On-Demand Services.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Authority has been utilizing AT&T telecommunications services and connectivity since 2004. On June 10, 2014, the Board of Trustees, via Resolution No. 2014-04, authorized Contract No. 2014-054 for Telecommunications Services with AT&T Corporation for a period of 5 years.

As telecommunications technology has evolved, the Authority entered into Contract No. 2021-152, Switched Ethernet On-Demand Services, with AT&T Corporation for a period of three years via Resolution No. 2021-095. This technology upgrade was required because AT&T discontinued the Authority’s existing technology products. AT&T Switched Ethernet On-Demand is the replacement and updated technology. Certain remaining services on Contract No. 2014-054, Telecommunications Services, were transitioned to Contract No. 2021-152, AT&T Switched Ethernet On-Demand Services, via Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$77,912.00. Change Order No. 1 was approved by the Change Order Committee on October 7, 2022, and approved by the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer on October 13, 2022. This contract extension allows the remaining services under Contract No. 2014-04 to be transitioned to Contract No. 2021-152 while maintaining connectivity.

A cost analysis has been performed, and the Procurement Department has determined that the pricing provided by AT&T Corporation is fair and reasonable for the Authority.

- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/ DBE BACKGROUND: The Office of Business Development does not conduct Affirmative Action reviews or establish goals on procurements included in the State Cooperative Purchasing program. Contract No. 2014-054 was the result of a cooperative procurement from the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does not apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The ratification in the amount of \$352,627.00 will be funded through the General Fund, Innovation and Technology Department budget, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,695,157.00.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer could result in substantial disruption to daily operations that rely on this connectivity.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this ratification and time extension be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer to modify the contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer