

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.26  
(ID # 14218)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

**FROM :** RIVERSIDE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

**SUBJECT:** RIVERSIDE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC dba Spectrum Business for the renewal of the County's CORE Backbone Circuits to provide connectivity and services for our County Departments on the County's private voice and data networks for up to twelve (12) months effective January 27, 2021 through January 26, 2022 in the amount of \$159,600; All Districts. [Total Cost \$159,600-RCIT Budget- 100%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a Purchase Order to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC dba Spectrum Business for the renewal of the County's CORE Backbone Circuits for up to twelve (12) months, effective January 27, 2021 through January 26, 2022, in the amount of \$159,600.

**ACTION:**Policy

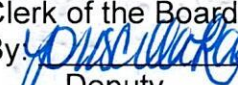
  
Dave Rogers, Assistant County Executive Officer, I/C/O 12/23/2020

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 12, 2021  
xc: RCIT

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 79,800	\$ 79,800	\$ 159,600	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> RCIT Budget -100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 20/21 – 21/22	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Through Request for Quote (RFQ) No. ITARC-355, the County's current CORE Backbone circuits were awarded to Spectrum Business (Charter Communication). This 60-month contract expires at the end of January 2021, as such RCIT would like to renew services of the 10Gbps circuits for up to 12 months through January 26, 2022 to support the growing bandwidth needs of our County Departments. This agreement is for our Riverside, Murrieta, Hemet, and Indio hub locations.

RCIT supports the County of Riverside private network, CORNET, with connectivity to more than 40 county departments at approximately 350 locations across the county. CORNET utilizes "hub and spoke" connectivity to connect all county locations to CORNET at three (3) locations with the main hub at the Riverside County Administration Center. The hubs are located in Murrieta, Indio, and Hemet, and are connected using 10Gbps service provider circuits to the Riverside main hub location.

RCIT continually monitors and analyzes the CORNET data traffic to ensure it can meet departmental data network needs. As department business needs increase with the roll out of new technologies and applications, bandwidth requirements also increase. Based on current bandwidth usage by applications such as bodycam video for Sheriff Deputies, security cameras at county offices, Microsoft Windows patching, desktop imaging, offsite backups for disaster recovery, etc., the network requires 10Gbps circuits to handle all of the traffic traversing CORNET hub locations back to our data center.

The approval of this request will allow RCIT the time needed to process a formal competitive bid as we continue to provide connections for all county locations to continue county business operations and to support our constituents.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

There is no negative impact on residence and businesses with the approval of this Agreement. These circuits will continue to enhance and provide the county with the services required to meet the growing needs for our constituents for a faster and reliable County of Riverside Network to meet their service delivery needs and network reliability.

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**Additional Fiscal Information**

This purchase is to provide 12 months of the county's Core Backbone 10 Gbps service at a total cost of \$159,600. Funding for this Agreement has been budgeted through the normal RCIT budget process.

Below is the total cost for Core Backbone 10 Gbps from January 27, 2021 – January 26, 2022.

<b>Description:</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Total</b>
Core Backbone 10 Gbps for up to 12 months	\$ 13,300	\$ 159,600
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$ 159,600</b>

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

In July of 2015, the Purchasing Department, on behalf of RCIT, released Request for Quote (RFQ) No. ITARC-355 entitled, "1GB Core Backbone Circuit." The bid was posted on Public Purchase through which 38 vendors were notified using a classification match. Five vendors responded with annual costs ranging from \$93,312 to \$387,915. Spectrum Business (Charter Communications) was selected as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder resulting in the award of a 60-month contract renewable annually. An amendment was approved May 9, 2017 agenda item 3.21, to increase the county's core backbone circuit from 1 Gbps to 10 Gbps and the annual service amount increased from \$99,937 to \$159,600, including estimated applicable taxes, fees and surcharges.

  
Suzanna Hackley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service 12/29/2020

  
Venus Brambila 1/4/2021

  
Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel 12/30/2020