

ORDINANCE NO. 015-94

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO AT&T, CORP. TO FURNISH LOCAL, LONG DISTANCE, TOLL-FREE LANDLINE, AND DATA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS

WHEREAS, AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") currently provides local, long distance, and toll-free voice and data services across the Chicago Transit Authority's (the "Authority") entire system; and

WHEREAS, AT&T, as the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (the "ILEC"), is the only telecommunications service provider in the Chicago area that can provide the necessary geographical coverage across the region to connect every Authority facility; and

WHEREAS, AT&T provides each and every type of communication circuit that the Authority requires, such as specialty analog hard-wired copper circuits that cannot be provided by smaller carriers; and

WHEREAS, AT&T provides service to all of the Authority's existing circuits and it would be detrimental for the Authority to change vendors because several carriers would be required, which would create logistical problems that would increase the cost of the services; and

WHEREAS, AT&T is also the current provider for the Authority's sister agencies, such as City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.4D of the Procurement Policy and Procedures provides for the award of contracts in those situations where federal funds are not utilized and the Chicago Transit Board determines that competitive bidding would be disadvantageous; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Board, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with AT&T Corp. to furnish local, long distance, and toll-free voice and data telecommunication services for a period of three years with two funded one-year options, in the not-to-exceed amount of Nineteen Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$19,600,000.00) under Requisition No. B15OP02073.

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SECTION 3. That the Chairman, or his designee, is further authorized to take such actions and to execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:

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Chairman

August 12, 2015

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Assistant Secretary

August 12, 2015