

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Gary Moeller, Director
SUBJECT: Telecommunication Equipment Transfer from UTSA
DATE: February 24, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance will authorize the City of San Antonio to accept the transfer ownership of telecommunication equipment from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) as described in a Memorandum of Agreement.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June 2000, Alamo Area Community Information System (AACIS) was formed by combining two existing initiatives - San Antonio Community Information System (SACIS) and San Antonio Metropolitan Area Network (SATNET). AACIS is a community collaboration comprised of 25 public and non-profit institutions and agencies, administered jointly by the United Way of Bexar County and the City of San Antonio. The overarching goal of AACIS is "*to provide our citizens with enhanced access to information, services and tools that will aide them in all levels of community life and facilitate the development of skills necessary to improve upon the quality of life*". During the past four years the goal has been achieved by:

- 1) Building websites with demographics and geographic information for the San Antonio region
- 2) Establishing Community Technology Centers at City of San Antonio (COSA) Learning Centers
- 3) Assisting the implementation of the San Antonio Lifelong Learning Online Network (SALLON) funded through a Federal Technology Opportunity Program (TOPS) grant

The original vision of AACIS included establishing a communication "hub", a switch that would facilitate the creation of a local metropolitan area network (i.e., faster access to Internet resources of member agencies). To assist in this effort, UTSA utilized grant funds to purchase telecommunications equipment for AACIS. The equipment was housed in the City's computer center and City staff assisted in its implementation.

Although it has been useful over the past four years, it has since been determined that this use of technology is no longer needed to accomplish the AACIS goals. The cost of public Internet access has dropped to the point that more than 50% of American households on the Internet have broadband access (*CIO Today*, August 19, 2004). The public Internet provides fast safe access to AACIS without the necessity for individual agencies to manage and pay for a separate connection to the hub.

Additionally, we have recently been informed that the TOPS grant supporting the users of the metropolitan area network ended on September 30, 2004. To continue access to the "hub", individual agencies would need to absorb the on-going connectivity costs.

COSA is proposing that the AACIS goals continue to be achieved by transferring the "hub" to COSA. Although the equipment is 4 years old, some of its components could be used to support the San Antonio Public Library, with its 21 locations throughout Bexar County. Other components would be used in the future to support COSA network services, which include web-based job applications, the Learning Centers and public safety services (fire, police, EMS).

POLICY ANALYSIS

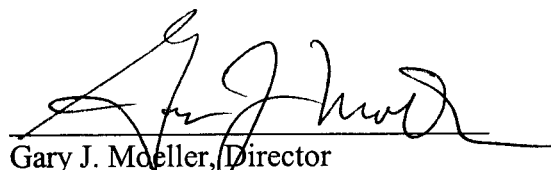
By accepting transfer of this equipment from the UTSA, the City will relieve UTSA of administrative responsibilities for the equipment and will accept ownership of the equipment. The City will use the equipment and its components to enhance telecommunications services.

FISCAL IMPACT

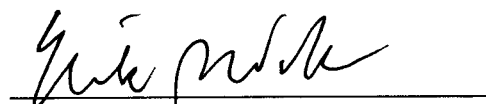
By accepting the transfer of this equipment, the City will save the cost of \$120,000 to procure this item and will only need to expend the cost of maintenance. The expected cost for the maintenance of this equipment for FY04-05 is \$8,228 and approximately \$12,342 annually thereafter.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Community Initiatives.



Gary J. Moeller, Director
Information Technology Services Department



J. Rolando Bono
Interim City Manager

February 26, 2005

Memorandum of Agreement/Acceptance

As part of the University of Texas at San Antonio's (UTSA) continued involvement with the Alamo Area Community Information System (AACIS), UTSA is officially releasing and transferring title to the equipment identified below to the City of San Antonio (COSA):

UTSA Barcode/Tag ID: 122455/047161
Name: RMCX1004E39 ACCESS SERVER
Serial Number: SSMM0025AF
Acquisition Date: 09/12/01
Purchase Order: 2001C01928
Original Account: 26-4400-1583
Current Unit Code: 1485-001
UTSA Agency Number: 743

This transfer of this equipment is being made without cost to facilitate COSA's activities as a partner in the AACIS in order to best meet AACIS goals of providing continued public benefit from the equipment. The intended use of this equipment for public benefit is outlined in Attachment A. This equipment has no existing liens or contracts associated with it.

TRANSFERRING AGENCY: The University of Texas at San Antonio Agency #: **743**

PROPERTY MANAGER & SIGNATURE (or representative) **PHONE NUMBER**

RECEIVING AGENCY City of San Antonio

J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager

DELIVERY LOCATION: 515 S. Frio St Street Address

My agency accepts the donation of this equipment and responsibility for financial liability for loss or damage to this (these) item(s). I acknowledge receipt of the above stated property. All listed property numbers/serial numbers have been verified and are hereby received.

Accepting Property in "AS IS" condition: _____

Director, Information and Technology Services Department
City of San Antonio