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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: LINDA BOHLINGER
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SUBJECT: CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE
MTA'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM NETWORK

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RECOMMENDATION

Amend sole-source contract with WilTel Communications, Foster City, effective July 1, 1997, for three years for maintenance of the MTA's telephone system network. The cost for the first year is \$295,931. Second and third years cost are estimated to be \$347,800 and \$349,800, respectively for an estimated three year total of \$993,531, which is subject to audit and verification of reasonableness of price and terms.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

The MTA's telephone system network maintenance services allow the required support for a wide variety of communications systems.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funding for the contract amendment has been included in the proposed FY 1997-1998 operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

There is no viable alternative. WilTel Communications (WilTel) is the authorized sales and service provider for Northern Telecom, Inc. (NTI), the system we use, and MTA technicians are not NTI-trained or certified to perform the needed repairs. In addition, the MTA does not maintain an inventory of replacement parts.

BACKGROUND

WilTel is the product of mergers in 1994 and 1997 involving Williams Communications Group, Inc., Nortel Communications Systems, Inc., and Pac Tel Meridian Systems. The MTA originally signed an agreement for maintenance service in 1991 with one of these predecessors and amended the agreement in 1994 for another three years.

The telephone maintenance agreement will include a total of 24 systems. In addition to the existing in-service systems, the agreement will include the following: five Red Line station telephone systems for which warranties are ready to expire; the USG building telephone system; one former SCRRRA telephone system to be reinstalled for the East Side Extension construction; and one other new yet-to-be-determined site.

The current fee will be increased from \$12,445 to \$27,102 per month. This increase is a result of adding five Metro Red line stations, and the USG building to the maintenance agreement.

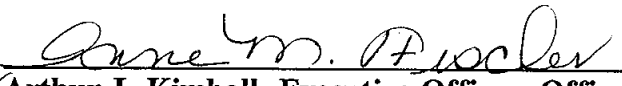
SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

The maintenance agreement has been exempt from DBE participation. In accordance with warranty provisions, maintenance is only performed by WilTel, the factory authorized representative

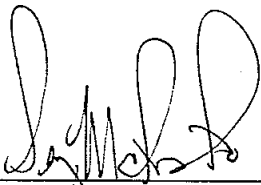
ATTACHMENTS

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