



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 6, 2015  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Alex Deshuk, Manager of Technology & Innovation  
**Subject:** Five-Year Extension of Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Information Technology & Other Related Services with Mesa Public Schools and Maricopa County Community College District Citywide

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager (or designated representative) to execute the First Extension of the First Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Mesa Unified School District #4 (District) and Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD), enabling the three entities to continue to share technology services and other related services, as recommended.

## **Background**

The Intergovernmental Agreement with the District was executed January 12, 2010 to provide a framework whereby the two entities could improve their ability to provide technology services through a shared effort. The IGA was amended on June 21, 2012 for the sole purpose of adding MCCCD as a third party to the IGA.

## **Discussion**

This request is to extend the IGA so that new efforts among these organizations can continue. Examples include the continued work to locate backup two-way radio communications at the City's Twin Knolls radio site on Main Street east of Sossaman Road. In addition, we are working on a new infrastructure sharing agreement for Mesa Public Schools and the City to share radio infrastructure to provide two-way radio communications services to both Mesa Public Schools operations and City of Mesa non-Public Safety departments. Mesa Public Schools gets improved radio service area and technical support from the City, and City of Mesa gets access to a radio network that is expected to provide service to non-Public Safety department at much lower cost than the TOPAZ radio network.

Finally, Information Technologies is partnering with Mesa Public Schools to provide network and wi-fi connectivity at the pools for Parks employees and public wi-fi offerings.

The City, the District, and MCCCCD utilize an abundance of technology and devote a large amount of financial and personnel resources to that end. The IGA has afforded the parties the opportunity to share currently employed technology, endeavor for joint ventures that promoted cost savings, more efficient and timely procurement, the installation of technology, and has fostered a more strategic approach to planning and using technology for the betterment of the organizations and their customers. The IGA is broad in nature to mirror the ever-changing technological world. It draws upon Service Task Orders and/or added Shared Infrastructure Agreements (attached as Exhibits) to enable any of the three organizations to act quickly and efficiently when project opportunities arise, without the protraction of creating separate agreements for each project.

The IGA enables the three organizations to draw upon their technical advantages, and has promoted a teamed approach to solving technology challenges that can benefit the community at large. It has also encouraged the employment of the parties' personnel resources when shared opportunities have arisen.

The original IGA term was five (5) years. Staff recommends extension for one of the two subsequent five-year terms specified in the IGA. The IGA can be terminated by any party upon thirty (30) days notice. The District and MCCCCD concur with this extension and are in the process of signing the First Extension document.

### **Alternatives**

If the Council chooses to not approve the five-year extension to the IGA, the City, the District, and MCCCCD will not be able to explore and use joint technology projects on an expedited basis. The parties will lose the opportunity to share costs tied to developing, purchasing, and installing technological advances, which could improve the parties' technical environments.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The City incurs no financial obligation as a result of authorizing extension of this agreement. In the future, the City, the District, and MCCCCD will partner on technology efforts that may require the City's commitment of financial resources. All funds will originate from Budget-approved sources.

### **Coordinated With**

Information Technology Department, City Attorney's Office, the District, and MCCCCD