



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 24, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Travis Cutright, Chief Information Officer  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement between The City of Mesa and Arizona State University for Information Technology and Related Services (Citywide)

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager (or designated representative) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Mesa (the City) and Arizona State University (ASU) for Information Technology and related services.

## **Background**

The City and ASU have identified many opportunities for future partnerships in areas such as shared facilities and existing communications infrastructures. A shared technology agreement such as this can help both parties realize cost savings and better resource management by allowing approved projects to move forward unencumbered by extended timelines that a traditional approval process creates.

## **Discussion**

This request is to initiate an IGA so that future efforts among these organizations can move forward in a more expedient and cost-effective manner. Examples include the upcoming ASU building project and potential partnerships with fiber and other communication needs.

The City and ASU utilize an abundance of technology and devote a large amount of financial and personnel resources to that end. This IGA will afford both parties the opportunity to share currently employed technology, endeavor for joint ventures that promote cost savings, more efficient and timely procurement, the installation of technology, and will foster 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 either organization to act quickly and efficiently when project opportunities arise, without the protraction of creating separate agreements for each project.

The IGA enables both organizations to draw upon their technical advantages and promotes a team approach to solving technology challenges that can benefit the community at large. This agreement will also encourage the employment of the parties' personnel resources when shared opportunities arise.

### **Alternatives**

If the Council chooses to not approve IGA, the City and ASU 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 this agreement. In the future, the City and ASU 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, and Arizona State University