



RESOLUTION NO. 23-39

RESOLUTION APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO TELEPHONE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND LANTANA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Lantana Communications Corporation (Lantana) entered into a contract with Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) to provide technology products and services, which contract was procured through HCDE's Choice Partners program; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) and HCDE previously entered into an Interlocal Agreement under which HCHA became a member of HCDE's Choice Partners program and may utilize HCDE's Choice Partners procurement processes and vendors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 19-27, adopted by Harris County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on May 15, 2019, HCHA entered into a Telephone Products and Services Agreement dated May 22, 2019 (Telephone Services Agreement), under which Lantana agreed to provide telephone equipment and services to HCHA under the terms of the contract between Lantana and HCDE and under the supplemental terms contained in the Telephone Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Telephone Services Agreement was amended twice, both Amendments added additional services and resulted in an increase in the amount paid to Lantana; and

WHEREAS, the Telephone Services Agreement granted HCHA the option to extend its term for an additional three years, which option was exercised by HCHA by notice and letter agreement, which extended the contract term through May 21, 2025, and added one additional service resulting in another slight increase in the monthly amount paid to Lantana; and

WHEREAS, HCHA determined it requires additional equipment (an additional 10 phones) and the corresponding service required to use that equipment, which resulted in this Third Amendment to Telephone Products and Services Agreement (Third Amendment), a copy of which is attached to this resolution, which Third Amendment identifies the equipment to be purchased, its purchase price, and the monthly charges for the services to be provided by Lantana to HCHA; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its monthly fee for telephone services, Lantana collects a 9-1-1 Equalization Fee, a Harris County 9-1-1 fee, a federal cost recovery charge, a federal cost recovery fee, and a federal universal service fee (together, the Taxes & Surcharges), which total amounts fluctuate but on a monthly basis are ordinarily less than \$200; and

WHEREAS, once the new equipment is activated by HCHA, including long distance charges (ordinarily less than \$10) and Taxes and Surcharges, the amount owing to Lantana will be approximately \$2,510 each month, however, HCHA reasonably expects that its communications needs may change over the next 21 months, so that future minor modifications to the Telephone Services Agreement may be appropriate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Harris County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Executive Director, Melissa Quijano, to execute the Third Amendment to the Telephone Products and Services Agreement (Third Amendment) or an instrument containing substantially the same terms, ratifies all actions previously taken and now authorized by this resolution, and hereinafter authority to execute amendments to the same Agreement to pay for future Telephone Services, provided that the total monthly amount as amended, does not exceed **\$2,750.00** per month, and to take all other actions reasonably necessary, or appropriate to implement this resolution and fulfill its purposes.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners on this 20th day of September 2023.

Chair: _____



Gerald Womack

Secretary: _____



Melissa Quijano