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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 12/08/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 5B6**

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**ACTION:** Approve the utilization of a one-year Western States Contracting Alliance cooperative contract with Verizon Wireless for the purchase of a wide variety of wireless devices and airtime services to include cellular phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops, and hotspot devices.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Total cost of this contract shall not exceed \$760,000 for the one-year contract term. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in various City-wide cost centers for the anticipated expenditures during the current fiscal year in the General, Court Enhancement, Governmental Grants, Section 8 Housing, Highway User Revenue, Transit, Performing Arts, Solid Waste, and Water/Wastewater Funds. This contract is widely used throughout the City and is charged to approximately 60 different cost centers.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the utilization of the contract.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Western State Contracting Alliance (WSCA) was formed in October 1993 by the state purchasing directors from 15 states. The primary purpose of WSCA is to establish the means by which participating states may join together in a cooperative multi-state contracting effort in order to achieve cost effective and efficient acquisition of quality products and services.

The State of Nevada Procurement Office solicited and awarded a Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract to Verizon Wireless for the purchase of a wide variety of wireless devices and airtime services to include cellular phones, smart phones, tablets, laptops, and hotspot devices.

The Procurement Division periodically reviews the City's cellular phone account to look for ways to reduce costs and improve administrative efficiencies. Through the most recent review, staff identified a number of lines that were moved to more cost effective rate plans resulting in annual savings of approximately \$45,000.

Over the next twelve months the Procurement Division will be conducting additional audits and initiatives to further reduce the City's annual wireless budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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