



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Cook County Bureau of Technology

Other Part(ies): City of Chicago and other members of the Chicago Utility Alert Network Membership Agreement

Request: BOT respectfully requests that the County Board authorize the Bureau of Technology's Chief Information Officer to execute an application for Cook County to participate in the Chicago Utility Alert Network

Goods or Services: Membership in the Chicago Utility Alert Network (CUAN) for public notification and alerting services for the County's underground broadband fibers and other entities' utility lines

Agreement Number(s): N/A

Agreement Period: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015 and annual renewals as appropriate

Fiscal Impact: \$4,000.00

Accounts: 499-220

Summary: If authorized to do so, the County's Chief Information Officer will execute an application that will allow the County to enter into the Chicago Utility Alert Network (CUAN) Membership Agreement, more commonly known as DIGGER. The DIGGER network is the City of Chicago's equivalent of JULIE (the statewide underground facility notification service). As with JULIE elsewhere in the State, excavators and public safety officials in Chicago use DIGGER as a comprehensive record of underground facilities in Chicago's public way and private property. This system also notifies all members of planned and emergency immediate excavations. Since Cook County now owns and operates underground fiber optic cables as part of its broadband initiative, the County seeks to enter into the CUAN/DIGGER agreement. Allowing the County's CIO to execute the CUAN/DIGGER agreement will allow the County to follow the State of Illinois' model in registering governmental underground broadband fibers in Chicago. Doing so will also enable the public to be alerted to the existence of the County's underground fiber, will protect the County's investment in its broadband network, and will decrease the likelihood of accident associated with unregistered underground cables.