



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 11/5/2024

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF FIFTH CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 PARTICIPATING ENTITY SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND APPRISS INSIGHTS, LLC FOR THE TEXAS VICTIMS IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY STATEWIDE AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SERVICE

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the Fifth Contract Renewal for FY 2025 Participating Entity Services Agreement between Tarrant County and Appriss Insights, LLC for the Texas Victim Identification and Notification Everyday (VINE) Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS).

BACKGROUND

On January 9, 1996, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #73610, approved the original agreement with Interactive Systems, LLC to provide victim notification services to the citizens of Tarrant County. On September 2, 2000, Interactive Systems, LLC made a name change to Appriss, Inc.

VINE through the SAVNS system is a telephone service that allows victims to learn about the custody status and court proceedings involving an offender after booking into a county jail. Victims obtain free telephone and email notifications by registering through a toll-free number or the Internet. The service is open to the general public.

The Texas Office of the Attorney General began a program in 2001 and 2002 to create a statewide VINE/SAVNS system similar to the VINE system maintained by Tarrant County. The purpose of the statewide VINE/SAVNS system is to provide a uniform victim notification system that would be utilized by all counties in Texas. With the implementation of a uniform statewide system, a victim of crime can obtain basic information concerning a perpetrator regardless of the victim's location in Texas and/or the status of a defendant through the criminal justice system in another Texas county.

On October 17, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141994, approved FY 2024 Texas VINE Services Agreement to participate in the SAVNS system. Until the FY 2020 Agreement, Tarrant County specifically assigned any and all rights of payment from the Texas Office of the Attorney General to the certified vendor (Appriss Insights, LLC, formerly, Appriss, Inc.), and the Texas Office of the Attorney General paid the certified vendor each quarter. Since approval of the FY 2020 Agreement, Tarrant County must now pay Appriss Insights, LLC for SAVNS each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

SUBMITTED BY	Sheriff	PREPARED BY:	Jessica Redding
		APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding



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With approval, the FY 2025 Participating Entity Services Agreement in the amount of \$85,555.28 will continue maintenance of the VINE system in Tarrant County and the use of SAVNS from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

The Agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Tarrant County will be required to pay Appriss Insights, LLC each quarter and seek reimbursement from the Texas Office of the Attorney General. Expenses will be charged to GRANT-2004 Grants Fund/M0012-2025 AG Statewide Crime Victim Notification Service Annual Maintenance Grant/2110010000 Sheriff Admin/569011 Professional Services.

**FIFTH CONTRACT RENEWAL
PARTICIPATING ENTITY SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE
STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM NOTIFICATION SERVICE (SAVNS)**

Contract No. 20222344900-501-01

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is the Texas State agency tasked with certifying a statewide vendor to provide a Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service (SAVNS) to a variety of political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including counties, county Sheriffs, clerks and attorneys, district attorneys, and courts (“Participating Entities”);

WHEREAS OAG certified and contracted with **Appriss Insights, LLC. (“Vendor”)** as the statewide vendor to provide SAVNS to each of the Participating Entities (“OAG Certification Agreement”);

WHEREAS Tarrant County as a Participating Entity and VENDOR executed a Participating Services Agreement identified as Contract No. 20222344900-501-01 under which VENDOR would provide SAVNS to Tarrant County (the “Contract”);

WHEREAS SECTION 1 of the Contract permitted the Tarrant County to, in its sole and absolute discretion, renew the Contract to the extent the OAG Certification Agreement, remains in effect;

WHEREAS the OAG amended the OAG Certification Agreement, extending the term thereof to August 31, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS **FIFTH CONTRACT RENEWAL** is exercised by Tarrant County as follows:

The Contract terminated on August 31, 2023, and was renewed through August 31, 2024. The Contract is hereby renewed, with this Fifth Contract Renewal Term (“Fifth Renewal Term”) to begin on September 1, 2024 and end of August 31, 2025 at a cost up to \$85,555.28 for services during the Fifth Renewal Term. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Contract, this Fifth Renewal Term and any subsequent renewals, shall be subject to all specifications and terms and conditions of the Contract, the OAG Certification Agreement, and the Incorporated Documents as defined in Section 2 therein.

Tarrant County by:

Signature

Date

Name

Title

Acknowledged by Appriss Insights, LLC.



Signature

9/27/2024

Date

Jarrod Carnahan

Name

VP, Government and Victim Services

Title

CERTIFICATION OF
AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ _____

Tarrant County Auditor