

Request for Council Action

Originator Legal	Item Request for execution and adoption of Resolution for Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota
Agenda Section CONSENT	Date 8/18/2014

Description

In early 2013, the City Attorney's Office went live with a new criminal case management system, LENS. One of the primary benefits of the LENS system was the ability to eCharge criminal complaints. eCharging rendered the criminal charging process electronic and reduced duplicate data entry. Now that the City Attorney's office has been successfully eCharging for over a year, it has identified other efficiencies to further streamline its processes. One of those efficiencies is the sponsorship of the development of an adapter that would allow county and city attorneys to pull criminal incident and citation data from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension into the LENS case management system. This adapter would additionally allow prosecution agencies to communicate criminal charging decisions back to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Upon the application of the City Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has agreed to fund the development of this adaptor. The multi-agency benefits include:

- Reduction in resources and time spent transmitting paperwork;
- Increased data accuracy; and
- Reduction in delays within the criminal justice system.

As the sponsor of this project, the City Attorney's Office will track the process of the adapter development and test the adapter so that requisite adjustments can be made prior to broader-scale implementation.

Requested Action

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution and execution of the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement Criminal Justice Agency contract (SWIFT Contract #79501).

Attachments:

Resolution