

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-514

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 16, 1998

The Police Department is requesting to enter into an 18-month contract with United States Cellular to provide digital cellular telephone service for a minimum total of 80 cellular phones to be assigned to the Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division and Narcotics Control Section. The airtime package amounts are established on State of Iowa Contract 1993A, dated October 1, 1998.

SUBJECT:

UNITED STATES
CELLULAR DIGITAL
TELEPHONE CONTRACT

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
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The contract will provide 18 months of cellular phone airtime service at a rate of \$39.95 for 400 minutes of weekday and unlimited weekend airtime, with the first month of airtime service provided at no charge. Over the 18-month life of the contract, the cellular phone airtime service provided by United States Cellular through this contract is estimated at \$54,332 dollars. Funding for this service is provided in the Police Department's Operating Budget.

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The Police Department has experienced service area coverage difficulties and customer service difficulties with their current digital cellular phone provider, which prompted an examination of other cellular phone service provider options. United States Cellular presented a package found to be less expensive for the options

desired, with increased service area coverage through a combination of digital and analog signals, and localized customer service.

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