

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 23, 2010

Consent **Regular**
 Public Hearing **Workshop**

Department:

Submitted by: Information Systems Services

Submitted for: Information Systems Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: an Interlocal Agreement with The Health Care District of Palm Beach County (HCDPBC), an independent taxing district, to connect to the Palm Beach County Regional Network at an annual cost of \$8,400 for the first point of connection, for an initial term of one year, with automatic one year renewals unless notice given by either party.

Summary: This Interlocal Agreement allows the HCDPBC to access Palm Beach County (the “County”) network services on a cost sharing basis similar to the existing Interlocal Agreements between the County and various municipalities, as well as the South Florida Water Management District, Children’s Services Council, and the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Interconnection to the County’s Network will provide greater bandwidth for Internet access and disaster recovery programs while reducing the HCDPBC’s overall network costs. The HCDPBC agrees to pay the County \$8,400 annually as the initial connection fee to access the Palm Beach County Network. Per Exhibit A of the Agreements, fees for additional connections are set at \$6,000 annually per connection. District 2 (PFK)

Background and Justification: This Agreement will enable the HCDPBC to join the other entities that have taken advantage of the County’s interconnection to the Florida LambdaRail, LLC. ISS is currently in discussions with other public sector and non-profit organizations and we anticipate that similar Agreements will be established with some of these organizations.

The Florida LambdaRail is a non-profit broadband network created to facilitate advanced research, education, and economic development activities in the State of Florida. This statewide network interconnects ten of the state universities and is jointly owned by these same universities, including Florida Atlantic University.

On April 15, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners approved the execution of a contract between Palm Beach County and the Florida LambdaRail, LLC (Agenda Item # 3.U.1.). The County utilizes this connection to provide faster broadband services for Internet access while reducing the annual costs of Internet service. The LambdaRail also facilitates disaster recovery and expanded access to data sources. Palm Beach County’s network can now serve as the “last mile” connection for other educational, local government, and non-profit organizations interested in linking to the LambdaRail. Palm Beach County is the first local government to connect to the LambdaRail and our contract enables the County to serve as a re-seller of network access to the LambdaRail.

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Attachment:

- 1. Interlocal Agreement with The Health Care District of Palm Beach County (2 originals)

Recommended by:	<u>Steve Bordelon</u> Department Director	<u>1/27/2010</u> Date
Approved by:	<u>[Signature]</u> County Administrator	<u>2/16/2010</u> Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Capital Expenditure	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Operating Costs	\$ 500*	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
External Revenues	<\$3,500>**	<\$8,400>	<\$8,400>	<\$8,400>	<\$8,400>
Program Income (County)	—	—	—	—	—
In-Kind Match (County)	—	—	—	—	—
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<\$3,000>	<\$7,200>	<\$7,200>	<\$7,200>	<\$7,200>

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative) —

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ___ No

Revenue Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Department 490 Unit 1300 Object 4900

Reporting Category ___

* Assumes a March 1, 2010 connection date.

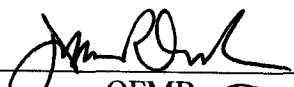
** Per Attachment A of the Interlocal Agreement, each additional connection activated for the municipalities will be charged at the rate of \$500 per month (\$6,000 annually) with no (\$0) corresponding increase in cost to the County.

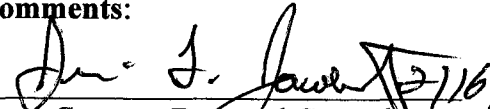
B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

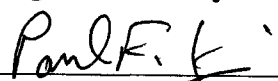
III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:


 OFMB
 (10) 2/12/10
 2/11/10


 Contract Dev. and Control
 2/16/10
 2/14/10

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney
 2/16/10

This Contract complies with our contract review requirements.

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.

Background and Justification (continued from page 1)

Per the agreement with the Florida LambdaRail, LLC, the County is required to pay \$100 per month to the LambdaRail for each external agency connected to the network. Thus, the County collects \$750 per month (\$8,400 annually) for each point of connection and pays \$100 per month yielding net revenue of \$650 per month.

Faster Internet response time, access to offsite (backup) computing facilities, and a lower cost of service provide strong incentives for other public sector and non-profit organizations to join the County's network. Currently, there are Interlocal agreements in place for connecting 13 educational facilities, three municipalities (Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, Boynton Beach), and the South Florida Water Management District to the County's network. Discussions are underway to connect additional municipalities, schools, non-profit organizations, and other taxpayer supported organizations.

This example of sharing public sector resources with a non-profit entity results in benefits for all parties. Joint use of network resources and cost sharing among the user organizations will reduce the overall costs of network services while offering greater bandwidth for network applications.

Interlocal Agreement

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") for the Shared Use of the Palm Beach County Fiber Network is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2009, by and between The Health Care District of Palm Beach County, Florida,(the "HCD"), and Palm Beach County (the "County").

WITNESSES THAT:

WHEREAS, the HCD and the County have recognized the need for the HCD to connect to the County's Network ("Network") for the purpose of utilizing the County as the HCD's Internet Service Provider and to gain access to the Florida LambdaRail network resources. Specific services to be provided and responsibilities of the parties are set forth in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the County and HCD have demonstrated needs for Network connectivity, and both parties are supported by local tax dollars, are stewards of public funds, and are therefore responsible for taking steps to control costs and maximize the potential use of technology in their respective organizations; and

WHEREAS, more effective, efficient, and reliable public services will result from the County and the HCD utilizing a common network infrastructure rather than duplicating facilities and increasing the cost burden borne by both the County and Municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, permits public agencies and counties to enter into Interlocal Agreements to make the most efficient use of their powers for the mutual advantage of all entities; and

WHEREAS, the parties believe that additional advanced networking initiatives will come to fruition through the synergies of the County government and the HCD working in unison; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing these facts, the HCD and the County desire to enter into such an agreement which provides for the joint use of such Network and establishes policies for its use by each organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

Section 1 Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to interconnect the HCD to the County's Network for the purposes described in Exhibit "A". The Network is defined as the cable, associated fibers, and splice enclosures (including hubs, routers, and switches) comprising the Primary Route and Auxiliary Routes throughout Palm Beach County used by County government, The Healthcare District of Palm Beach County and other third parties who enter into appropriate licensing agreements with the County.

Section 2 Approval

The County approves of the HCD's participation in the use of the County's wide area network and such services as specified in Exhibit "A". This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by both parties.

Section 3 Term

The term of this Agreement, unless terminated as provided herein, is a period of one year. This Agreement shall automatically be renewed annually unless either party gives written notice of termination of this Agreement as provided for in Section 13 herein.

Section 4 Network Connection

The HCD will be provided with a fiber connection and sufficient bandwidth capacity to meet the HCD's network service requirements specified in the attached Service Level Agreement (Exhibit "A"). The HCD shall pay all related connection costs, including the drop from the Network to the facility, all equipment necessary to utilize the Network for the intended purposes of the HCD, and all associated labor costs to connect to the HCD's facility. Additionally, the HCD shall pay for its calculated share of the operating costs associated with the County's network services delivered in accordance with Exhibit "A".

Section 5 Resale of Network Services

The HCD shall not share or resell any portion of the County's network or services in any manner not approved of in this Agreement or without explicit written consent from Palm Beach County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 6 County's Responsibilities for Network Management

The County shall be responsible for the routine, day-to-day management of the County Network. Each party shall be responsible for day-to-day administration of the Network routes which they individually own.

The County shall be responsible for maintaining the Primary Network and all auxiliary components of the Network which exclusively serve County facilities. The County shall also maintain auxiliary portions of the Network which service both County and HCD facilities. The HCD shall maintain that portion of its own network which exclusively serves its facilities.

The Palm Beach County ISS Network Services Division (ISS) shall monitor bandwidth utilization on any link between the County and the HCD. The County shall provide the HCD with access to the County's Network on a best-effort basis and as otherwise provided for herein. The County agrees to share its network monitoring tools to provide the HCD's technical staff with the capability to monitor its portions of the Network, and perform local trouble shooting routines prior to escalating any service issue to ISS.

Should the County perform repair and maintenance functions on behalf of the HCD, it is with the understanding that the County's responsibility extends only to the demarcation point.

The demarcation point is the location which defines where issues of maintenance responsibilities begin and end, considered to be the County-owned network equipment inside each of the HCD's buildings or facilities connected to the Palm Beach County Network (hereinafter referred to as "Demarcation Point"). Palm Beach County ISS will be responsible for maintaining all network infrastructure to the point of the network equipment connection to the HCD's facilities. Entrance facilities at the HCD's locations from road to Demarcation Point belong to the HCD whereas the fiber within may belong to the County.

Maintenance and restoration work provided by the County shall be limited to the fiber optic cable and service drops, the individual fibers within the cable and service drops, and the County routers installed at each HCD site. The County shall have no obligation or right to perform

maintenance or restoration on any electronics or other equipment owned by the HCD. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should the need arise for maintenance or restoration, the parties hereto may agree to an amendment to this Agreement permitting the County to perform maintenance or restoration on the HCD's electronics or other equipment.

The County shall provide maintenance on a 7-day/24-hour basis and may contract for the repair services when deemed necessary. The County shall abide by agreed upon security requirements of the HCD. In the event that an outside contractor is needed, the County shall select, supervise, and coordinate with the contractor to complete the repair.

Section 7 Service Level Agreement

Roles and responsibilities of the County and HCD are described in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof. The SLA also sets forth an issue communication and escalation process, as well as methodologies for billing and paying the quarterly fee for network connectivity.

Section 8 Network Ownership

The County shall own the Network. The HCD shall continue to maintain ownership of its current network assets. Only the County is permitted to connect, expand, or otherwise routinely modify the Network components. Furthermore, any and all technological changes relative to the Network will be implemented at the discretion of the County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County agrees to use its best efforts to keep pace with technological changes.

Should the HCD receive grant funds to assist with the construction or maintenance of the Network, any provisions, limitations, or restrictions associated with the grant(s) shall not affect or apply to the County, and vice versa.

Section 9 Modifications to Network

If the HCD proposes a modification or connection of a new facility to the Network, it shall notify and submit any applicable construction documents to the County at least 30 calendar days prior to the date construction activities are expected to commence. Should the planned activities of the HCD require the Network to be upgraded, the HCD shall be solely responsible for payment of all costs associated with such modifications, unless there is prior agreement by the County to participate in a cost-sharing arrangement for the modification.

The County shall review the modification proposals as soon as practicable and will render recommendations with regard to the proposed modification. Any modifications or connections to the network that may cause disruption or interference of service to any network users shall be coordinated with the appropriate technical staff of both the HCD and the County. The County agrees to perform such work at a time and in a manner to minimize disruption and interference to the Network users.

When either the HCD or the County enters into a contract with an outside contractor for Network-related services which benefit only that party, the contracting party shall be individually responsible for remitting payment to the contractor performing work on the Network, and the non-contracting party shall not be responsible or held liable for such payment. However, proposed changes to the Network must be communicated in writing to the County for review and approval. The parties however agree to comply with Network security provisions.

Section 10 Network Interferences

The County shall have no requirement to purchase, install, operate, or maintain any equipment on the premises of the HCD. However, should any equipment owned by the HCD render any harmful interference to the County Network, ISS may disconnect any or all HCD connections after informing the HCD's designated Point of Contact (POC) of the underlying reasons for the planned action to disconnect the HCD facilities. Immediate efforts will focus on attempting to resolve or remove the threat conditions. The County shall be the sole party to determine if harmful interference has impacted the County Network. ISS will utilize its best efforts to prevent any unanticipated network outages should interferences be noted.

Section 11 Termination for Convenience

Either party may terminate its participation in this Agreement upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each party shall endeavor to provide the other party with as much advance notice as practicable if it contemplates that it might desire to terminate this Agreement, so as to allow the non-terminating party the maximum amount of time to make alternative plans to replace the lost services/revenue. In such event, the terminating party shall pay all sums due through the effective date of the termination. Termination of this Agreement by either party may also be contingent upon the annual appropriation for these services by the party's governing body.

Section 12 Indemnification and Hold Harmless

The HCD and the County recognize their respective liability for certain tortuous acts of its agents, officers, employees, and invitees, and agree to be responsible, respectively, for all claims, liability, losses, and/or causes of action that may arise from any negligent act or omission due to the acts of its agents, servants, or employees. Such liability is subject to the provisions of law, including the limits included in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, which sets forth the partial waiver of sovereign immunity to which governmental entities are subject. It is expressly understood that this provision shall not be construed as a waiver of any right or defense that the parties have under Section 768.28 or any other statute. Each party agrees to maintain sufficient professional, general liability, and workers' compensation coverage, unless self-insured, regarding its respective liability throughout the term of this Agreement. This Agreement does not provide third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action, or other right or privilege, except the provisions hereof involving indemnification or limitation of liability of the HCD and the County.

The parties to this Agreement acknowledge the potential of unlawful hacking to gain surreptitious access into confidential systems. ISS has deployed reasonable steps and safeguards as part of a Network security program, but these systems may not be able to defeat every attempt to gain unlawful access to applications or data. Each party is responsible for protecting its own applications, data bases, and servers. Each party however shall review each other's security procedures and notify each other with reasonable promptness of concerns or issues regarding the same.

Section 13 Damage Caused by Disasters

Should the Network be damaged or destroyed by a natural or man-made event to the extent that the cost to repair or replace the line, including utility pole replacement, exceeds 50% of the original installation costs, this Interlocal Agreement is automatically terminated unless the governing bodies of both the HCD and County authorize its continuation and associated funding to repair or restore the affected area(s). Should the Network sustain damage to an Auxiliary Route used only by either the HCD or the County, the owning party shall determine if the line will be repaired or replaced.

Section 14 Miscellaneous

No provision in this Agreement shall provide to any person not a party to this Agreement any remedy, claim, or cause of action, or create any third-party beneficiary rights against either party. In the event that any one or more of the provisions in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to have no force and effect, this Agreement shall, if possible, be interpreted in a manner so as to effectuate the intention of the parties. Provisions contained in this Agreement that, by their sense and context, are intended to survive the suspension or termination of this Agreement, shall so survive. All disputes related to this Agreement shall in the first instance be referred to the appropriate executives of each party for resolution. This Agreement is the subject of negotiation between the parties and should not be interpreted more favorably toward one party over the other.

Section 15 Notice

Any notice, request, instruction, demand, consent, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by hand or by certified mail, postage prepaid, and certified return receipt requested to the following addresses or such other addresses as the parties may provide to each other in writing:

To: Agency: Health Care District of Palm Beach County
Attention: Dwight D. Chenette, Chief Executive Officer
324 Datura Street, Suite 401
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

With a copy to: Mark T. Knight, Chief Financial Officer
Health Care District of Palm Beach County
324 Datura Street
Suite 401
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

With a copy to: Nicholas W. Romanello, Esq.
Health Care District of Palm Beach County
324 Datura Street
Suite 401
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Agreement Between Palm Beach County and the Healthcare District of Palm Beach County

Re: Interconnection to the Palm Beach County Network

To: **COUNTY:** Robert Weisman, County Administrator
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 N. Olive Avenue, 11th FL
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: 561-355-2712

With a copy to: County Attorney's Office
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
301 N. Olive Avenue, Suite 601
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: 561-355-2225

With a copy to: Steve Bordelon, Director ISS
Palm Beach County BOCC
301 N. Olive Avenue,
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Section 16 Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the HCD and the County and supersedes all prior agreements or representations, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof. No provision of this Agreement may be changed or amended except by written agreement signed by both Agencies. This Agreement shall be binding upon the HCD and the County and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 17 Filing

This Agreement will become effective upon filing a copy of the signed Agreement with the Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller's Office.

Section 18 Participation

This Agreement shall not be construed against the party who drafted the same as all parties to this Agreement have participated in drafting the same.

Section 19 Venue for Dispute Resolution

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Should any litigation arise from this Agreement, venue shall lie in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Section 20 Binding Agreement

This Agreement is binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, and assigns.

Section 21 Subject to Funding

This Agreement is subject to fiscal funding out.

The Remainder of this page intentionally left blank. Signatures on following page.

Section 22 Signatories to the Agreement

ATTEST:

Palm Beach County, Florida, By Its Board of County Commissioners

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
BURT AARONSON, CHAIRMAN

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By: _____
County Attorney

By: Steve Bordelon
Director, ISS

ATTEST:

The Healthcare District of Palm Beach County

By: _____

By: D. Clott

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Nicholas W. Romanello
Nicholas W. Romanello, Esq.
HCD Legal Counsel

EXHIBIT A

PALM BEACH COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS SERVICES SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Service Level Agreement is to identify the roles and responsibilities of ISS and the HCD in carrying out the terms of the Interlocal Agreement re: Interconnection to the Palm Beach County Network. This Service Level Agreement delineates the services to be provided by ISS, sets forth network availability standards, establishes an escalation protocol, and describes the associated costs and payment requirements.

I. Annual Planning and Service Level Agreement Review

There will be an annual review of this Service Level Agreement (SLA). The SLA will document the types of network services to be provided under the Agreement, as well as the annual cost of these services, and the roles and responsibilities of each Agency.

Connection to the Network must be approved by both the County and the HCD if said connection affects the entire Network. However, all connections must meet the agreed-upon technical specifications.

II. Description of Services

A. Baseline services from ISS will include:

1. Ongoing maintenance of connectivity to the demarcation point(s);
2. Central network security will be maintained by ISS at the ISS router port that feeds the HCD's network (router) connection. If necessary, security may shut down the entire building feed to protect the networked systems from computer worms and viruses;
3. Network Design;
4. Acquisition and management of Network assets;
5. Installation or relocation of network connections, wiring upgrades, installation of bandwidth upgrades, or other specialized services;
6. Network equipment maintenance;

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7. Network security on ISS side of demarcation point;
8. Monitoring of Network performance;
9. Trouble reporting and tracking;
10. Maintenance of the environmental factors in the facilities and closets housing equipment crucial to the health and stability of the Network, including air conditioning, power conditioning, and UPS equipment; and
11. Disaster recovery protection, system reliability, and stability during power outages.

B. HCD Responsibilities

1. All intra-building network maintenance and security of the facility;
2. Ensuring that back-door connectivity behind the building router is prohibited;
3. Provisioning of its Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) services;
4. Building infrastructure connectivity;
5. All grid (jack), wiring identification, and tracking for HCD-owned facilities;
6. The HCD agrees to provide, where possible, network engineers or technicians to assist with all portions of network operations, from provisioning to troubleshooting. Initial diagnostic actions will ideally be performed by HCD staff to evaluate whether the cause of any system problem is associated with factors under the control of the HCD; and
7. The HCD shall install network security hardware and software as specified by the County to minimize the risk of a virus and surreptitious or otherwise inappropriate network entry. The HCD will modify and enhance security procedures, hardware, and software as required by the County or to the satisfaction of the County ISS Department to prevent unauthorized access to the County Network.
8. The HCD may request changes in network services. Requests for changes shall be submitted to the County ISS Director, or designee, for action. The HCD shall be advised of the disposition of the request within thirty (30)

calendar days of submission. Such request shall include extension of Network services to additional sites identified by the HCD. The HCD shall be responsible for all reasonable costs associated with requested changes to the Network services approved by the County, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

9. The HCD will provide, at its expense, the following equipment and facilities at each HCD location (if required):
 - An environmentally stable and secure area large enough to accommodate a 19"-wide rack with a height up to 7 feet. This area shall contain two (2) dedicated electrical circuits for providing power to the switching equipment;
 - Air conditioning units which deliver a capacity of BTUs to the equipment room as specified by the manufacturer of equipment installed at the HCD's site; and the Municipality shall periodically monitor to ensure temperatures are within acceptable limits.
10. The HCD shall adhere to a documented plan of security strategies deployed to prevent unauthorized access into the physical location(s) where Network access could be gained. Further, the HCD shall ensure that it has robust and efficient security software and procedures in place to prevent unauthorized access to the Network.
11. The HCD shall promptly pay for the County's reasonable charges which will be invoiced quarterly.

III. Availability of the County Network Services

The County will provide the HCD with access to the County's Network on a best-effort basis. The County's goal will be to provide 99.9% availability. The County reserves the right to prioritize its maintenance and recovery efforts, while at the same time providing availability to the HCD.

In the event that network availability is documented by the County and declared by the HCD to be less than 99.9% for two (2) consecutive months, the HCD shall not be liable for service fees beyond the date of said declaration of non-performance until service is satisfactorily restored. The reduction of previously paid or dismissal of unpaid service fees will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

The County will monitor the HCD's utilization of the Network to ensure sufficient capacity. Should the usage exceed 60% for a period of 30 days or more, the County will initiate a bandwidth upgrade. Estimated upgrade completion time is within 60 days.

IV. Protocol for Reporting Network Service Problems

All service issues should be reported to the HCD's IT support staff. If the HCD's initial diagnosis of the reported problem indicates that it is related to Network connectivity (e.g., connection lost, slow response time) rather than a problem at the application, server, or desktop level, the technician should immediately report the service problem to the ISS Network Operations Center at 355-HELP (355-4357). All service problems reported by the HCD will be recorded and tracked in the County's Automated Help Desk System until problem resolution and service restoration. Response time service levels are established at the time the call is reported based on the severity of the issue. The service level target for problem diagnosis and response to the HCD is within four (4) hours of the reported problem. The County also employs an escalation process for problems which are not resolved according to the established standards.

V. Facility Access for Network Service and Maintenance

The County shall coordinate with and obtain prior written approval from the HCD's designee as to the time of any planned maintenance, repair, or installation work. However, the HCD shall provide the County with access to its equipment on a 24-hour/7-day per week basis. During normal business hours, the County shall ensure that all ISS personnel or contractors representing the County sign in prior to commencing any work, and sign out prior to leaving the facility.

On weekends, holidays, or after normal business hours, the County's representative shall call the HCD to report any emergency that requires access to any HCD facility. The HCD shall make reasonable efforts to arrange for access of County's personnel as quickly as possible.

The County shall supply the HCD with a list of authorized ISS employees who will carry in their possession badges for identification purposes. All individuals permitted access to the HCD must be fingerprinted and shall be subjected to a "background check". All of the County's contractors' employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors must undergo a background check and fingerprinting in accordance with FBI CJIS security policies.

The County represents that it has verified, prior to entering into this Agreement, that neither the County or County's contractors, nor any of their respective employees, agents, or representatives who have been convicted or who are currently under investigation for a crime delineated in Florida Statutes §435.04 shall have access to the HCD facilities under the Agreement.

VI. Problem Escalation Contacts:

Palm Beach County ISS

Palm Beach County 24x7 Help Desk: 561-355-4357

Mike Butler, Director of ISS Network Services:

561-355-4601 (office)

561-722-0850 (cell)

Phil Davidson, Deputy Director of ISS Operations:

561-355-3956 (office)

561-722-3349 (cell)

Steve Bordelon, Director of ISS:

561-355-2394 (office)

561-355-2394 (cell)

HCD of Palm Beach County Information Systems

VII. Fees and Charges for Network Connectivity and Related Services

One of the goals of this Agreement is to establish the lowest competitive pricing for the County Network Services provided to the HCD. The usage fees for connection to the County's Network and Internet provisioning shall be a flat monthly fee of \$700 for the initial point of connection and \$500 per month for each additional point of connection with the first month fee pro-rated from the agreed cut-over date. Charges shall be assessed on a monthly basis, and the County will invoice the HCD quarterly.

A. Cost Components

A portion of the flat monthly fee identified above includes direct costs incurred by Palm Beach County to connect to the Florida LambdaRail. In the event the Board of Directors of the Florida LambdaRail institute a pricing change, Palm Beach County agrees to review the financial impact and make appropriate rate adjustments on an annual basis.

The charges for connection to the Network and the Network Services shall be based upon the County's ISS Cost Allocation Plan. The County will provide information relative to the methodologies, including detailed costs and other inputs, from which the plan allocations are derived. The HCD agrees that the County's cost allocation plan shall be annually reviewed and updated by the County. Notice of changes shall be provided to the HCD as part of the annual budget preparation process. The HCD agrees to pay an access charge for rights to connect to the County's Network. Costs applicable to Internet Service and LambdaRail interconnection shall be delineated in the ISS Cost Allocation Plan and shall include such components as staff salaries, data lines, software, annual maintenance agreements, contractors, and administrative overhead.

B. Billing and Payment

The ISS Director may, at his/her discretion, permit staff resources to assist the HCD in the execution of certain Information Technology responsibilities, assuming that the HCD agrees to fully reimburse the County for all reasonable costs associated with the rendering of ISS staff assistance. Reasonable costs include the staff's hourly salary rate, fringe benefits, overtime (if applicable), travel, and administrative overhead. These components have all been factored into the standard hourly billing rates as part of the ISS Cost Allocation Plan and will be subject to modification on an annual basis.

The County shall submit quarterly invoices to the HCD which shall include a reference to the Agreement and identify the amounts due and payable to the County. The HCD will pay such invoices within 30 days of presentation by the County. If the HCD in good faith disputes any portion of a charge, the County shall be provided with written notice of the billing dispute within 30 days thereafter. Dispute resolution between the County and the HCD shall be in accordance with Florida law.