



# Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: March 23, 2023

TOPIC: E Rate Category II – SHI Wireless Access Points

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**Recommended for:**

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

**Purpose/Background:**

The Administration has determined the need to begin replacing the aging access points located in Lincoln Hall. Because of the numbers involved and the current state of pricing, the District will replace these access points in two phases. Phase 1 will replace the switching hardware and 20 wireless access points at Lincoln Hall. Phase 2, which will utilize E-Rate funding from the 23-24 school year, will see the replacement of the remaining 24 access points.

This hardware replacement was put out to bid through the E-Rate program. A total of two vendors submitted proposals for this e-rate project. Of the two vendors submitting proposals, SHI earned the highest score. The Administration has attached SHI’s Proposal, E-Rate Service Provider Evaluation Worksheet, and SHI’s contract.

The District Legal Counsel has reviewed the Contract and found it acceptable. Counsel also reviewed the terms and conditions and they remained unchanged from last year. There is a line that does reference New Jersey law, and if the committee elects us to specify Illinois law and Cook County circuit court venue, we can ask the vendor to add that to their quote document. Since SHI is a hardware vendor, this should not cause any issues.

Vendor	Total
SHI	\$64,670.00
CDW-G	\$105,357.02

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total cost is \$64,670. The District should anticipate an E-Rate reimbursement of \$25,868.

**Recommendation:**

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept this Contract from SHI for wireless access points, network switching equipment, licensing and support in the amount of \$64,670.