

Purchase Request #1
Regular Board Meeting January 26, 2016

Consideration of Approval to Renew Pole Attachment Agreements for the District

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve a renewal of the Pole Attachment Agreements for the District with CoServ Electric, Grayson-Collin Electric and Oncor Electric Delivery.

BACKGROUND

Agreements were established in March 2005 and Reference Number 2771 was assigned to allow the District to attach its fiber optic wide area network to existing electrical/telephone poles. The Board approved the original agreements with the above recommended vendors in March 2005.

The agreements are for the existing electrical/telephone poles that run along the various freeways and roadways to which our fiber cable is attached. The 57 miles of Fiber Optic Network is installed throughout Collin County and is attached to 988 poles owned by Oncor Electric Delivery, 117 owned by Grayson-Collin Electric and 325 owned by CoServ Electric.

Vendors own the poles, making them the sole source providers of these electrical/telephone poles and are exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031(j) of the Texas Education.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The Collin College fiber optic network is the District's backbone connecting our campuses electronically. Renewing this contract allows the District to continue utilizing the vendor's existing poles. If this contract is not renewed, we would be required to remove our fiber cable from the owners' pole(s).

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The estimated annual expenditure for this request is \$58,000.00. This expenditure will be funded by the District's Telecommunications Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget and subsequent year budgets.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

Term of Contract: 2/1/2016 through 1/31/2017

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