

Approval of Telecommunications Bid in Response to RFP 150121-ER

February 17, 2015

SUMMARY:

- As per SLD E-Rate rules for discounts, RFP 150121-ER was published to obtain proposals for the District's voice telephone system lines. Verizon was the only proposal received and is our current provider.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Original contract was approved on February 16, 2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- District telephony services are currently provided by Verizon and AT&T. Both services are eligible for a district-wide discount of approximately 61% through the federal E-Rate program. In order for the District to continue to receive E-Rate funding, the rules of acquisition of services have to be followed. Our 3 year contract with Verizon will expire on July 1, 2015 thus the reason for the new RFP to prospective vendors.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The District telephone services are partly funded by Federal E-Rate dollars. This agreement is notice to E-Rate of services being contracted for the new E-Rate year. The new E-Rate services for these types of telecommunications are being reduced in funding by 20% for the next 3 years and then being totally phased out.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- All phone bills are budgeted in the appropriate cycle. E-Rate funding requests run a fiscal year behind. The E-Rate cycle is started for requests in February each year and funded sometime in the first semester of the next fiscal year with checks being received at the end of the calendar year.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow Denton ISD to continue our telephone services at a reduced amount

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- All E-Rate procedures were followed per USAC guidelines

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of this agreement

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Chris Langford, WAN Manager

ATTACHMENT:

- Verizon Service Agreement
- RFP for SIP Trunk Services

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____