



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Monday February 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Contract Renewal for RFP # ERFY27-01 Wide Area Network Services

PRIORITIES:

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

N/A

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.3 Ensure Strategic Alignment of Resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Beginning July 1, 2025, a new E-rate cycle will begin. Under the Universal Service Administrative Company Federal Funding, Category One supported services include the services needed to support broadband connectivity to schools and libraries. Eligible Category One services are listed in the entries for data transmission and/or Internet access. This category consists of the services that provide broadband to eligible locations including data links that

connect multiple points, services used to connect eligible locations to the Internet, and services that provide basic conduit access to the Internet. A Wide Area Network facilitates communication between the single incoming point of internet to the devices across the entire district. The E-rate filing deadline is Wednesday March 26, 2024 @ 10:59 PM CST. The Original Request for Proposals was received on February 15, 2024 and was recommended by the committee, and approved by the School Board, for a one-year term with two possible one-year renewals. The previous contract was for \$95,988 annually, while the current proposal is for \$86,388 annually with the addition of two new campuses (Early Childhood Center & Agriscience Center). The Technology Department has expressed the willingness to extend the current contract. This would be the second year of the agreement and, if satisfied upon its conclusion, could be recommended for a third and final extension at this time next year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends to approve the renewal of a Second year for Spectrum as the Wide Area Network Services Provider for E-Rate cycle 26.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$86,388 for 2025-26. By following the strict guidelines and timetables of the E-Rate program, the District has received an 80% reimbursement for our Wide Area Network bill and all related costs paid by the E-Rate Federal program. Funding amounts are based on poverty levels.

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL)
CV (LEGAL)
CVE (LEGAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

The Board accept the committee recommendation of awarding a Contract Renewal to Media Link to provide Wide Area Network Services for the district in accordance with RFP#ERFY27-01 beginning July 1, 2025, for a period of one year with one remaining possible One-year extension.