

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** March 24, 2025

**NUMBER:** 25-090

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** E-Rate Bid Award; GCI,  
Inc.

**STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:**

Track 1: Operational Improvements

*Initiative: Optimize Business Practices*

**ABSTRACT:**

Board approval is required for contracts exceeding \$50,000.

**ISSUE:**

At issue is the E-Rate bid award to GCI, Inc. to provide the NWABSD Internet.

**BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

NWABSD relies heavily upon E-Rate subsidies for its internet.

GCI Education Service Order E-Rate eligible annual recurring charges total \$12,899,400.00 per year for five (5) years.

Pending USAC approval of the new 2025-2026 E-Rate funding application, the district will receive a funding discount currently calculated at 90%; the district is responsible for the remaining 10%, or \$1,289,940.00 per year, for five (5) years.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,289,940.00 per year for five (5) years; to provide internet as presented;
2. Do not award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. as presented;
3. Take no final action.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Board award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,289,940.00 per year for five (5) years; to provide internet as presented.