

Request Modification of Existing District Telecommunication contract

January 22, 2008

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of modifying existing telephone service with Verizon Business for handling district growth while addressing Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) Erate compliance.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous Board action has been noted on this request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Denton ISD currently has telephone connectivity through 4 lines called PRI's. These PRI's are large data pipes that balance incoming and outgoing phone calls for the district. The 4 PRI's allow 92 possible phone connections. We recently investigated adding another PRI and found that Verizon has a better solution to address out growth while saving the district money. Since the SLD provides DISD with Erate discount of 58% discount on our phone telecommunication service we had to start this change process in accordance with Erate guidelines and timeframes.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- We have filed a form 470 with the SLD in December 2007 requesting telecommunication service. This request was posted on the SLD website and viewable to anyone to respond. This 470 serves as an RFP and is accepted by the SLD. The Erate contract period follows DISD's fiscal year. (July 1 to June 30) This requested service will not be installed until July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Costs will be borne by existing M&O budgets and actually will save the district \$12,964 a year.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow this district to continue the excellent service being provided by Verizon while saving the district money and providing better disaster recovery with the phone system.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Reporting procedures will follow SLD guidelines for receiving discounts for the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- The Superintendent recommends approval of the contract.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Michael Bernstein, Director of Network Services

ATTACHMENT:

- Verizon Business TCO model and supporting documentation of technology details.
- SLD 2008 form 470 for DISD

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____