

DISD Technology Office is requesting School Board approval on E-rate Bids

HISTORY

For the previous 13 years we have applied for and received Federal E-rate funding assistance on certain Technology related expenses. To date we have received just over \$ 776,000 in E-rate assistance (on the average that is over \$ 59,700 per year). For the 2013-2014 funding year we are requesting over \$ 92,000 in assistance but it will be June or July 2013 before we know the exact amount of assistance we will receive.

REQUESTS NEEDING SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL

Web Hosting: We received bids from 9 companies expressing interest in hosting our website. We would like to award this contract to a new vendor since they provide a better user experience and they are cheaper than our current web hosting provider. Accordingly we are asking the School Board approve the contract with **SchoolDesk**.

Total annual cost of webhosting is \$6,000.00.

Dalhart ISD's total anticipated annual cost after E-rate is **\$ 1,796**.

Phone Service: We received bids from 4 companies expressing interest providing phone service for DISD. We would like to award this contract to our current provider. Accordingly we are asking the School Board approve the contract with **XIT Telephone**.

Note: Phone Service includes all Telephone Lines and Long Distance, and Fiber Lines between the campuses.

Total annual cost of Phone Service is approximately \$ 68,395.

Dalhart ISD's total anticipated annual cost after E-rate is **\$ 15,788**.

Video Conferencing: This contract is for service that goes directly to Region 16 but from there it allows us to connect to any other video conference being offered. This year we are also including 5 Mb in bandwidth to Region 16 separate from our regular Internet Access. Accordingly we are asking the School Board approve the contract with **Region 16**.

Total annual cost of Video Conferencing is approximately \$16,000.

Dalhart ISD's total anticipated annual cost after E-rate is **\$ 3,680**.

Internet Access: We received bids from 2 companies expressing interest in providing our Internet Access. We currently have a 20Mb broadband connection for Internet Access and we are trying to add 10Mb (for a total of 30Mb) for the remainder of this school year. We are requesting additional bandwidth (because of need) to a 60Mb connection. We are asking the School Board approve this contract with **XIT Telephone**.

Total annual cost of Internet Service contract is approximately \$ 30,020

Dalhart ISD's total anticipated annual cost after E-rate is **\$ 6,905**.

Summary:	Estimated Telecommunication Costs for 2013-2014 is	\$ 120,415
	Estimated/Expected Cost paid by DISD	\$ 28,169
	Total Estimated Savings from E-rate	\$ 92,246