

Consider award of RFP 2425-110 for E-Rate 28 – wide area network services

1. Background:

Per Board approval in August 2024 of the E-Rate 28 application process, RFP 2425-110 was created with the goal of supplying network connectivity to seven locations. The wide area network (WAN) contracts for Legacy High School, Resnik Middle School, Bob Hope Elementary, Hidden Cove Steam Academy, Medio Creek Elementary, and Distribution are all due to expire during the upcoming school year. Additionally, we would be adding network connectivity for the new Alvarado Elementary.

2. Process:

The RFP was posted on the USAC website and with San Antonio Express News. One vendor responded with a proposal. District staff examined the proposal and recommends awarding Spectrum Enterprises on a five-year contract to connect each location to our Network Operations Center for WAN services. The Spectrum solution would provide each of these locations with a 10 Gbps connection. This would be an increase from the current 1 Gbps connections for Resnik, Bob Hope, Hidden Cove, Medio Creek, and Distribution. Upon Board approval, the contract would be initiated, and the E-Rate 471 application would be submitted for reimbursement.

3. Fiscal Impact:

WAN circuits are eligible for a 90% reimbursement from USAC. The maximum combined annual cost of the circuits before standard taxes and fees would be \$91,753.20, with a total of \$9,175.32 after reimbursement.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve Spectrum Enterprises as awarded vendor for RFP 2425-110.

5. Required:

Board action.