



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **January 24, 2017**

TITLE: **Authorization to Enter Into a Multi-Term Contract for Request for Proposals**
 03-06-2017 Internet ISP and Internet Transport

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-1093 covers the duration of contracts for materials and services. The duration of contracts is limited to 5 years unless the Governing Board determines in writing that a contract of longer duration would be advantageous to the District.

The expansion of bandwidth for Internet Services may require the installation of fiber cable within the Department of Transportation Right of Way. Federal E-Rate eligibility rules prohibit the District from owning this infrastructure so the District must enter into a long term lease with a qualifying communications company for the use of the fiber cables.

Increasing the term of the contract will allow for additional competition among vendors which should result in a lower annual contract cost for the District for the services. The approval of this request will allow the District to consider a greater number of proposals from vendors. This procurement is for services to begin on July 1, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board determine that a contract for up to 10 years for Internet Services would be advantageous to the District because the fixed costs associated with the infrastructure would be spread over a longer term, thereby reducing the annual cost to the District.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: January 13, 2017

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