

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

TITLE: Authorization to Negotiate a Contract for the Construction of a Private LTE

Network for Student Access

BACKGROUND:

The district has been provided Federal Funds through the American Rescue Plan. One of the permitted uses of this funding is to provide educational technology connectivity for low-income students. This has been an ongoing issue for the District that increased because of the pandemic. The Administration is recommending the utilization of cooperative contracts through 1GPA (previous approved as an authorized Cooperative Purchasing Contract by the Governing Board on May 25, 2021) to design, engineer, build and deploy a Private LTE network.

The estimated cost for this project is \$4 million dollars and will be paid by the ESSER III Grant funding through the American Rescue Plan. This plan should fund all costs for the first 5 years. The hardware has an estimated life of 12 years. The District will be responsible for the ongoing costs during years 6 through 12 of approximately \$150,000 per year. The District is currently looking at implementing 5 towers that could serve approximately 1,200 concurrent students.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board authorize the Associate to the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate a contract with Vector USA for the contract for the construction of a Private LTE network pursuant to the terms of the 1GPA cooperative contracts.

INITIATED BY:

Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 2, 2021

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent