

WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83 Attn: Technology Office 134 Main St, Priest River, ID 83856

Memo for Record: RFP24-1 Wan and Internet Access

On January 8th at 4 pm, at the district office, the district convened an evaluation committee to select a vendor for our future Internet Service Provider. The committee consisted of Kim Spacek, Superintendent; Ron Kruse, Tech Director; Kendra Salesky, Business Manger; Lynne Parker, Principal of Priest River Elementary; and Jerry England, Tech Rep for Priest River Lamanna High School.

We received proposals from 2 vendors--Ziply Fiber and MiFiber (Concept Cable). Using a 100-point matrix, the proposals were evaluated on price, suitability, locality, experience, Erate ineligible costs, and vendor financial stability, with overall cost being the major factor.

Notably, although Ziply presented a lower monthly price, they did not include a solution for Priest Lake Elementary School, which substantially lowered their score for suitability of the proposal. Plus, if we added an estimated price to their proposal to service Priest Lake Elementary, they would probably not have been less expensive than MiFiber.

Ziply received an average score of 84.2 and MiFiber's average score was 96.6. Therefore, our recommendation is to continue with our current provider, MiFiber.

Sincerely,

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