



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1E. Action

Date: February 14, 2005

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF BID FOR DISTRICT-WIDE INTERNET SERVICE

BOARD GOAL: Budget and Finance

FISCAL NOTE: Budgeted in Local Technology Fund

Background Information:

The Request for Proposal for District-wide Internet Service was released on December 21, 2004 and opened January 18, 2005. This proposal was released to meet the requirements of the E-Rate process. E-rate is a federal process in which the District can receive discounts from telecommunication services. The background information for this proposal was presented as a preview to the Board of Trustees on January 10, 2005.

Administrative Considerations:

As noted on the Bid Tabulation, six responses were received for this proposal. Technology representatives, our consultant, and a purchasing representative reviewed and evaluated all proposals. Based upon this evaluation, the best solution for the District is Charter Communications. This decision was predominantly based on pricing and quality of service. References for this company were checked and were very positive.

The benefits for the District are as follows:

- Savings for a one-year agreement would be approximately \$1,300 per month from our current rate
- Savings for a two-year agreement would be approximately \$1,700 per month from our current rate
- Savings for a three-year agreement would be approximately \$2,000 per month from our current rate
- The band width would double from 12 MG to 24 MG

Keller ISD's legal counsel has reviewed Charter's contract terms. The purchasing and technology departments recommend Charter Communications as the best value for the District.

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The administration recommends that the Board of School Trustees approve the bid as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kern
Director of Purchasing