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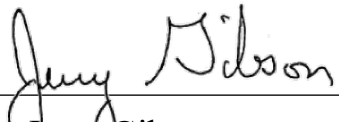
MEETING DATE: April 20, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and Consider Rejection of RFCSP #2021-22-008 for Lit Service for District Wide Area Network

The district utilizes a dedicated ethernet point-to-point connection service provided by AT&T for the Wide Area Network (WAN) that interconnects between the Network Operations Center (NOC) located at 3904 Avenue T Galveston, TX 77550 to the various school sites around the island. This service provides access for students and staff to many resources managed by the MIS department such as internet traffic, Skyward records, Financial and User data.

AT&T's service contract sunsets on June 30, 2022; therefore, Administration issued Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal (RFCSP) # 2021-22-008 on February 21, 2022. On March 22, 2022, the district received one competitive sealed proposal from Media Link Telecom proposing an increase of \$8,235 annually, or \$549 per site (15 sites) over our current service provider's monthly rate. In addition, a switch in service providers would involve construction and interruption of service during the changeover. Administration recommends the District reject this bid and continue service with AT&T, on a month-to-month basis at the current rate over a 12-month period, until the next ERATE application window in hopes of securing more competitive bid prices.

RECOMMENDATION: I move that the Board reject Media Link Telecom's proposal in response to RFCSP # 2021-22-008 in favor of continuing service with AT&T, as presented.



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