

Approval of Telecommunications Bid in Response to (E-Rate) RFP 140121

February 25, 2014

SUMMARY:

- As per our SLD E-Rate rules for discounts, two bids were received for consideration. We carefully evaluated and set the pricing structure and compared as required by USAC. Only the Verizon bid met all criteria of the RFP. AT&T met the criteria for the 470 response for service in the area (380 East corridor) not available from Verizon.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Original contract was approved on February 16, 2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- District telephony services are currently provided by Verizon and AT&T. Both services are eligible for a district-wide discount of approximately 61% through the federal E-Rate program. In order for the District to continue to receive E-Rate funding, the rules of acquisition of services have to be followed. Our 3 year contract with Verizon will expire on July 1, 2014 thus the reason for the new RFP to prospective vendors.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The District telephone services are partly funded by Federal E-Rate dollars. This agreement is notice to E-Rate of services being contracted for the new E-Rate year.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None, actually the district will save approximately \$25K per year.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow Denton ISD to continue our telephone services at a reduced amount

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- All E-Rate procedures were followed per USAC guidelines

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Our pricing on the contract is based on "Monthly Unit Rate w/o Corporate Rewards/CSP (Ea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Approval of Telephony Services for Funding Year 2014 -2015

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Chris Langford, WAN Manager

ATTACHMENT:

- Verizon POTS Agreement
- Verizon PRI Contract
- Verizon MiCTA Agreement
- AT&T PRI Agreement
- RFP Evaluation Document

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____